



# Stoppard trial blunder starts fingerprint inquiry

By RICHARD FORD  
HOME CORRESPONDENT

A MISTAKE in the identification of a fingerprint caused the collapse of the trial yesterday of a man accused of burglary at the home of the medical broadcaster Miriam Stoppard. An investigation will now check all other cases which involved the same fingerprint expert.

The accused man, Andrew Chiori, 21, a student, had served two months on remand awaiting trial for allegedly stealing £41,000

in 1995 from the Mayfair home of Mrs Stoppard, who is also an author and agony aunt. Simon Harris, a fingerprint expert with the Metropolitan Police, had said that he was "in no doubt" that Chiori was responsible for the break-in, after examining a print found on a wall.

However, other experts hired by Chiori's lawyers found that the conclusion's were "fatally flawed", and the Metropolitan Police have now called in officers from South Yorkshire to carry out an inquiry into how the error was made.

Other evidence presented by Mr Harris will be checked in the inquiry headed by Chief Superintendent David Foss, of South Yorkshire Police.

Last night the Metropolitan Police referred all inquiries in the case to the South Yorkshire force, which said that it could not give a detailed comment as Mr Foss was not available.

Mr Chiori, from Woolwich, southeast London, was formally acquitted at Southwark Crown Court yesterday after Peter Grieves-Smith, for the prosecution,

said that Mr Harris had made an error of judgement.

Mr Chiori, who pleaded not guilty, was not in court for the acquittal, which took place before his trial opened.

Mr Grieves-Smith said that Mr Harris had made an error of judgement. He told Judge Gerald Butler, QC: "It was an error of judgement by Mr Harris to come to the conclusion that he did. I am asked to apologise for the error that he made.

"The work he has done in the past is being double-checked, but

we do not anticipate any further problems."

The court was told that fingerprint experts present their reports on a sliding scale of reliability, using the categories "in no doubt", "highly probable", "probable" and "possibly".

Mr Harris had put the Chiori identification in the top category. The judge said that he rarely saw the words "in no doubt", and added: "There is a public interest in this proper public interest, in this particular case as Chiori spent some time in prison awaiting trial."

Frank Kearney, solicitor for Chiori, said last night that he had challenged the fingerprint evidence of Mr Harris in February and had demanded a review. He said that the print was not his client's, and there was no other evidence against him.

The Crown Prosecution Service wrote to him last month to say that they would be offering no evidence against Mr Chiori. Mr Kearney said: "I requested a full explanation and I am still awaiting one."

He said that yesterday's move highlighted the need for all forensic

evidence to be challenged. He would be advising Mr Chiori to take civil action to claim damages for the two months he spent in prison on remand.

Fingerprints have been viewed as a reliable way of proving guilt. Sixteen different characteristics per print have been required as proof, but police are now suggesting that that number need not always be obtained.

The Association of Chief Police Officers is suggesting that the opinion of a fingerprint expert should be sufficient.

## US legal firms snap up City offices

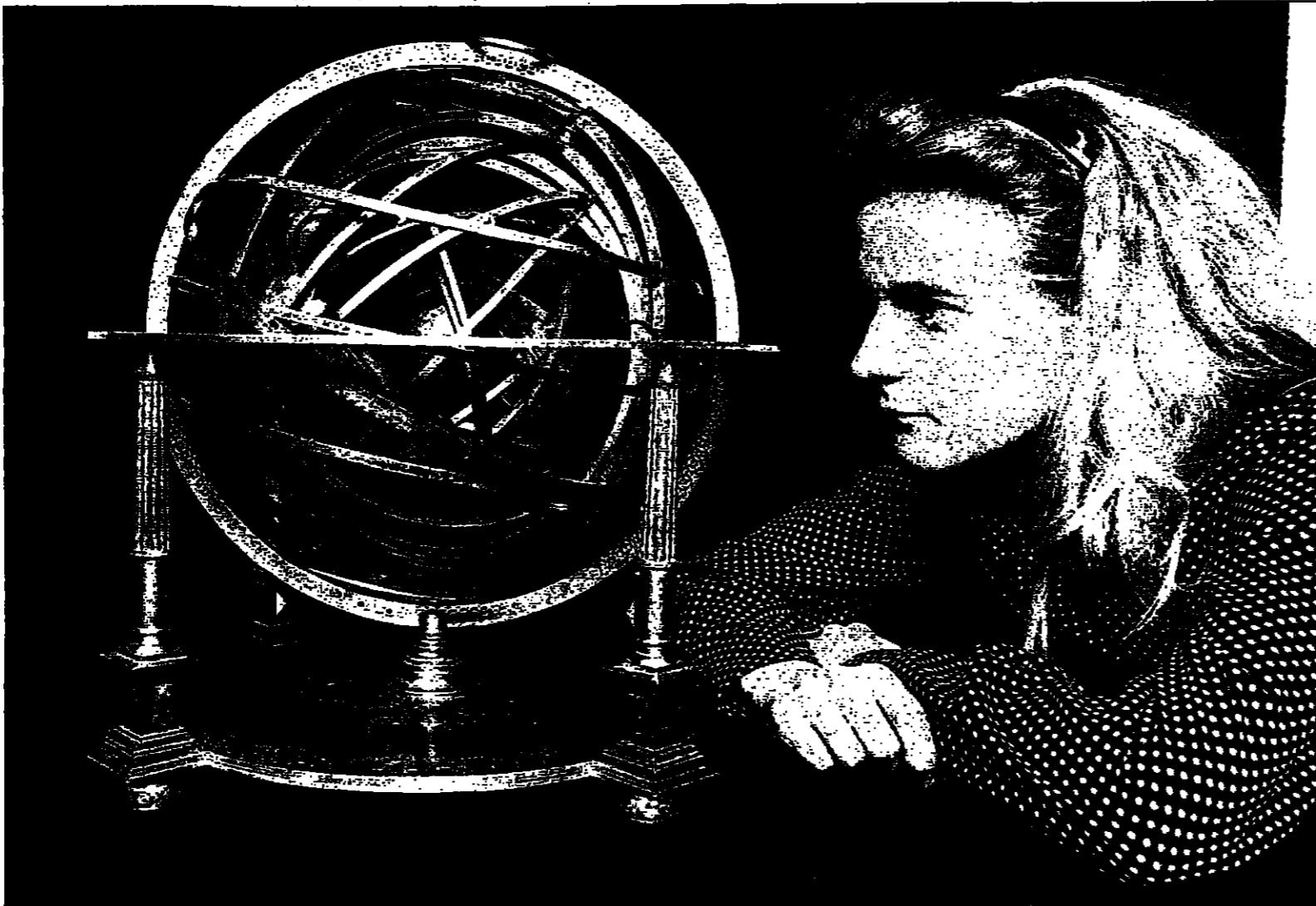
By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

AMERICAN law firms are buying huge chunks of the City in a new competition drive with the big London law firms. A survey by Chesterton, the property consultants, has found that American lawyers have taken or are looking for an extra 137,000 sq ft three acres — of office space in the City. American law firms now occupy 180,000 sq ft.

The expansion is likely to create a fresh boost to City lawyers' salaries as recruitment competition heats up. Judged against the yardstick that American law firms require 300 to 400 sq ft per lawyer, the survey suggests that US law firms are preparing to recruit more than 340 lawyers to fill their new office blocks. Some will come from the firms' headquarters in the States. But many will be poached from City law firms.

Mark Bourne, of Chesterton, said: "UK lawyers will need to look to their laurels. Our research proves that the threat to their business from across the Atlantic is both real and growing." He said American law firms have changed their business strategy. "No longer are they content just to service US corporations in the UK — they are now recruiting British lawyers and seeking to compete aggressively with UK firms for a wide range of legal business."

US law firms are already creating a superleague of highly-paid lawyers. Last year one US law firm advertised a salary package of between £200,000 to £700,000 a year for three partners.



## Old view of the universe sells for an astronomical price

At auction, it took just four minutes to change hands between anonymous European collectors in telephone bidding. The previously unrecorded piece, made for Sultan Murad III of Turkey in 1579, was expected to fetch between £200,000 and £300,000.

The multi-banded repre-

sentation of the motions of celestial bodies around the Earth fascinates a band of the astronomical 12 Houses of Heaven, with a description of the good or bad fortune to be expected under each house. Just 16ins high, it is the only such sphere known to have been in private hands. Jeremy Collins,

another Christie's specialist said: "Quite simply, this is probably the most expensive practical instrument of its day. It represents the highest form of art in the late Renaissance period."

The gilt-brass Ptolemaic armillary sphere was probably made by craftsmen from Plan-

ders. Mr Collins said: "In the late 16th century, the very best instrument makers were the highest paid artisans in the world, and the things they made were the ultimate in the high technology of the age. The instruments indicated the status of the owner as someone who understood modern science."

Ptolemy, the astronomer and geographer Claudius Ptolemaeus, was at Alexandria between AD 127 and 151. He said the Earth was the fixed centre of the universe.

## Middle earners are hit hardest by tax changes

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ren and a single earner has risen by £655 this Parliament compared with £2,035 in the period 1987 to 1992.

But Chris Giles of the IFS, said: "Income gains over the last 15 years have been skewed towards people with high income."

Incomes for the richest 10 per cent of households are 59 per cent higher than in 1979, whilst incomes for the poorest 10 per cent of society have risen by only 6 per cent compared with 18 years ago.

The IFS said that neither of the main parties' manifesto plans to reduce tax are likely to improve this position. The Conservatives say they will reduce the basic rate of tax to 20 per cent, which the IFS said would cost around £6 billion a year in lost tax revenue.

Labour, meanwhile, has said it will aim to introduce a 10 per cent starting rate "in the long term", which the IFS says will cost £9.5 billion if the 10 per cent rate replaced the existing 20 per cent band.

Liberal Democrat plans to increase allowances, raise the basic rate by 1 per cent and impose a new 50 per cent rate on taxable incomes of more than £100,000 would raise £2 billion, the IFS said. People with an annual income below £13,000 would be better off, while those on higher incomes would lose out. The 140,000 people who earn more than £100,000 would be worse off.

The IFS also issued a stern warning to both major parties that they are unlikely to meet their public spending targets during the next few years. "The latest spending plans

are lower than at any time over the past three decades," the IFS said.

"None of the major parties seems to have a satisfactory response to the large gap between spending plans and public expectations."

Public spending is forecast to rise by an average of just 0.4 per cent over the next three years compared with an average of 1.9 per cent since 1979.

The IFS is particularly critical of the target set for health service spending which is forecast to rise by an average of 0.6 per cent a year over the next three years, compared with an average increase of 3.1 per cent since the Conservatives came to power. It also warned that the government reserve is also predicted to fall leaving only limited flexibility within future spending plans.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, will emphasise today the importance of teaching moral values to children in school.

In an article in *The Times*, prior to an address to a conference at the Institute of Education at London University on values and the curriculum, Dr Carey says: "We want people who leave school to be good citizens and good neighbours, not just stuffed heads and effective contributors to the economy."

Dr Carey, referring to debate over marriage in the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority report, says that he would want to add stronger points about marriage and family life.

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## Carey wants schools to teach morals

By RUTH GLEIGHILL

## Catholic escapes death as gun jams

By NICHOLAS WATT, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A ROMAN Catholic man escaped being shot dead yesterday when a gun jammed as a suspected loyalist terrorist attempted to shoot him a second time.

Kieran Delaney, 23, was

ambushed at 7.30am in the Newtownabbey area of north Belfast as he waited for a lift to work. The gunman, disguised as a postman, pulled a gun from his post bag and shot Mr Delaney in the neck. As he tried to fire again, his pistol jammed. He was then picked up by a car which was later found burnt out on the Rathcoole estate in the north of the city.

John Delaney said that his son had no political connections. "He did get a threatening letter about a year ago which said we are watching

you. I don't know why they

picked Kieran out because he

is not involved in anything. All

he does is go to his work."

Mark Langhamer, an in-

dependent Labour councillor

in Newtownabbey, said that

the shooting bore the hall-

marks of a loyalist attack. He

said: "The route appeared to

be planned, the getaway route

was planned, the clothing

disguise in place, and the lad

had been targeted some time

before. It seems to be a

planned loyalist attack."

Mr Langhamer said that

the shooting would raise ques-

tions about the loyalist

ceasefire. "It does appear that

that ceasefire is in something

of a mess. My sources of

information tell me that this

man was wholly unconnected

with any political party."

## Marchioness damages

A saxophonist has accepted

High Court damages of £150,000 after her career was wrecked by the Mar-

cioness disaster in August 1989. Jo Wells, 38, right, was

aboard the pleasure cruiser when it collided with the sand dredger *Bowbelle*. Fifty-one people were killed.

Ms Wells, who had toured with the band Tears for Fears, has been unable to work since because of severe depression.

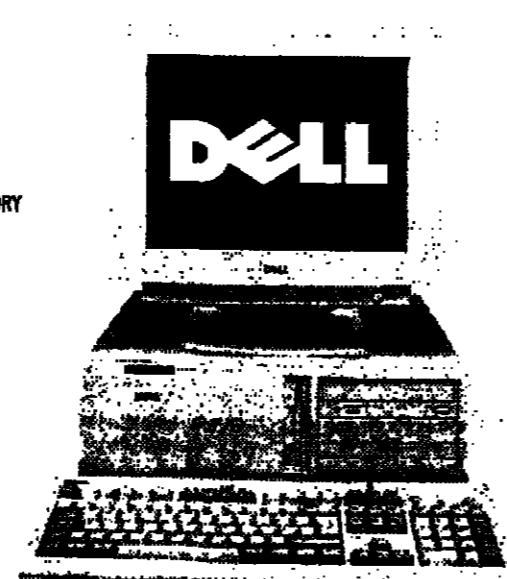


## Billie-Jo inquest opens

Billie-Jo Jenkins died from severe head injuries caused by numerous skull fractures, an inquest was told. The girl, 13, was killed in February at home in Hastings. Detective Superintendent Jeremy Paine, head of the murder inquiry, told the inquest that she had been struck repeatedly with a heavy instrument. The girl's legal guardian, Siou Jenkins, 39, has been charged with her murder and released on £25,000 bail. Her natural mother, Debbie Woods, travelled from her home in Essex to attend the ten-minute hearing in Hastings yesterday. The inquest was adjourned.

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## Absent fathers too busy to notice children growing up without them

BY LIN JENKINS

MODERN fathers are neglecting their children by failing to share even the simplest domestic chores or help with homework.

A report published today says that a fifth of children questioned could not recall sharing an activity with their fathers during the previous week. Yet four fifths wanted to spend more time with them compared with only 2 per cent who wanted more time with their mothers.

The MORI survey of 1,000 children aged 8 to 15 contradicts the stereotype of "new man" taking

■ A fifth of children cannot recall doing anything with their father last week, says a MORI survey which contradicts the popular image of "new man"

an equal role in bringing up children. However, most children still live in a traditional family with two parents and retained strong links with their extended family.

Children wanted parents to exercise authority, give moral leadership and set boundaries on behaviour, such as imposing a time to come home, insisting

homework schedules were met and setting rules on smoking and drinking. Jim Hardwick, director and chief executive of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, said most children enjoyed close and loving relationships with both parents.

"But, even in the 1990s, some fathers appear to be remote figures. We cannot say whether this is

a result of heavy workloads or other factors. But what is clear from the survey is that most of the children did want their dads to spend time with them."

Four out of ten children reported some form of social outing outside the home with fathers at least once a week, but all said they spent less time doing things with their fathers than with their mothers.

They were also less inclined to talk to their fathers with problems.

Of those under 11, almost all would discuss personal matters with their mothers while just over half felt able to approach their fathers. Of those aged 11 to 15, only a third

had taken him away from his three children for long stretches of time, had just spent ten days with Emily, 19, Rebecca, 17, and Joshua, 15. He said the trick was to juggle work and family life. "I get such pleasure from them that I make them a priority, equal to and beyond work. When you are pressured, in whatever career field, you will wind up with a rather sterile sense of victory if you have lost touch with your children."

Gary Lineker, the footballer turned television pundit, whose son George, 3, is recovering from leukaemia, was unavailable yesterday as he was taking him and

his brothers Harry, 3, and Tobias, 1, to the cinema. His wife is expecting their fourth child in August. "He is very committed to his family and makes time for them," said his agent Jon Holmes.

Michael Parkinson, the broadcaster and journalist, who has three sons, said: "I think the fact that my wife and I have stayed together is the single most important factor in our children's happiness, more than anything else. I never thought about spending time with my sons."

"If you stop to think about it, it becomes a task and parenting is not a task, it's a joy."

## Teenagers raped tourist and threw her into canal

BY RICHARD FORD

AN AUSTRIAN tourist on holiday in London was raped violently and repeatedly by eight teenage boys and then thrown naked into a canal, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday.

The 32-year-old woman, a mother of two, swam for her life after the racially motivated attack only hours after she arrived in London last September. She survived only because "she separated her mind from her body as much as she could", the court heard.

The woman, from Vienna, went for a midnight walk near her hotel in King's Cross, but got lost. She met the eight youths, aged 14 to 17, who invited her to a party. She told them in halting English that it was not a good idea but walked with them towards the canal. She was unconcerned, because they were so young.

John Bevan, for the prosecution, said that when she reached Regent's Canal off York Way she was dragged 200 yards along the towpath and raped for 45 minutes. He said the attack had almost all the "worst features of multiple rape by multiple rapists". She was kicked, punched and subjected to a series of sexual indignities.

Seven of the teenagers admitted the rape but another, now aged 15, denies three charges of rape, indecent

assault and robbing the woman of a jacket and a belt. The youth cannot be named for legal reasons. At the time of the attack the oldest was 17, four were 16 and the others 14.

Mr Bevan said: "It may be she was naive, maybe she simply thought London was a safe place for a woman abroad at night. She was sadly mistaken."

He added: "She was approached and, as she thought, idly chatted to by a group of eight people she regarded as children." He told the court that during the attack she repeatedly heard the words "white bitch". The 14-year-old ringleader, who yesterday admitted rape, said to her: "Now, the party's going to begin."

She said she was very frightened and realised what was going to happen. "I kept trying to think if there was any way I could get away, but there was no hope."

The woman told the jury that she was raped by each boy "several times", one after the other, and forced into other sexual acts while the others held her down.

She said she was asked if she could swim and said she could not, in the hope that they would throw her in the water.

"They raped me a little more and they were pushing me towards the water at this point. They pushed me in."

The case continues.



A woven cap and multi-coloured sweater epitomised the Todd Oldham collection



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NEW YORK fashion week is renowned for practical, pared-down clothes. So it was a relief to come across a catwalk collection that crossed all the boundaries of good taste.

Todd Oldham banished grey and black in favour of colour that hit between the eyes. Leopard print clashed with Indian motifs; fake fur mixed with indigo denim and swirling sequins.

What a contrast with Ralph Lauren, whose smooth, sharp ready-to-wear collection at his Madison Avenue headquarters was inspired by New York's Art Deco architecture.

## Man jailed for hammer attack on family

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN was jailed for life yesterday for a hammer attack in which a woman died and three children were seriously injured.

Dale Mandley, 33, killed Phyllis Minney before setting on her daughter, Phyllis, 13, son Paul, 12, and their friend, Victoria Hatfield, 13, who was staying the night. She will never fully recover, Reading Crown Court was told.

The court was told that Mandley had driven to Wokingham, Berkshire, last July after his girlfriend Michelle, Mrs Minney's daughter, ended their relationship. After cutting the telephone wires to the house, Mandley went inside and chatted to Mrs Minney.

The children were rescued by their mother that Mandley had arrived at the house for a chat. Mrs Minney, 48, then went downstairs and was struck at least 17 times with the hammer.

Susan Reed, for the prosecution, said Mandley then turned his attention to the children. Victoria was struck repeatedly about the head. Miss Reed said: "Phyllis [junior] ran to the bathroom and then her brother Paul came into the room. Mandley hit Paul on the head with the hammer."

Mandley admitted murdering Mrs Minney and three counts of grievous bodily harm with intent on the three children. Mr Justice Alliott told him it was unlikely that he would ever be released.

## Net saves disabled Scrabble player

BY TIM JONES

A DISABLED man triggered an international rescue yesterday after collapsing while playing Scrabble on the Internet. As he lay on the floor of his home in Didcot, Oxfordshire, John Elliott, 24, managed to tap out a message: "I have fallen and can't move. Please get help for me."

Before he was found five hours later, the hunt had involved Interpol and several police forces. But it was a freelance journalist, John Hawkins, who found Mr Elliott after getting his number from directory inquiries.

Mr Elliott, who has cerebral palsy, thought that he had been playing Scrabble with a woman in Canada when he collapsed, but it had been with a woman in Chicago. She read his message and sent out a group call to other Internet users, asking if they knew his name and address.

While police in America and Canada faxed Interpol, the woman called Gloucestershire police. They contacted Mr Elliott's Internet provider in the Isle of Man who gave them the addresses of John Elliotts in the area. As officers visited them, Mr Hawkins, with one call, found his man.

## Dutch halt £100m drugs-ring trial of millionaire Briton

FROM MARK FULLER IN THE HAGUE

THE trial of a 33-year-old Briton, alleged to have masterminded one of Europe's biggest drugs rings, was adjourned by a Dutch court yesterday after it was claimed that evidence had been obtained illegally.

A court in The Hague referred the case against the Liverpool millionaire businessman Curtis Warren back to the examining magistrate to clarify defence counsel claims that evidence had been collected and processed illegally in a joint operation by British and Dutch customs and police.

The six-month operation, codenamed Crayfish, resulted in the arrest in The Netherlands last October of Mr Warren, six other Britons and one Colombian, and the seizure of huge quantities of cocaine, heroin, ecstasy and hashish with a street value of about £100 million.

In a bizarre exposure of the lack of integrated European legislation on criminal intelligence activities, the defence claimed that raids carried out in The Netherlands were based on information gathered in Britain through illegal telephone-tapping. The court was told that British customs and police officers had denied

## Wife 'took poisoned tea to help research'

BY DAREH GREGORIAN

A MAN accused of trying to poison his wife with rat-killer was actually carrying out experiments on preventing strokes and acting with her consent, a court was told yesterday.

William Down was said to have become obsessed about his health and to have embarked on amateur research into the anticoagulant drug warfarin, found in rat poison.

His wife Linda, 50, has told Northampton Crown Court that she became suspicious after finding "green bits" in her early morning tea, which tasted odd.

Stephen Crouch, for the defence, said Mrs Down had been given a safe dose of the poison with her knowledge. The drug turned the tea blue-green, Mr Crouch said, and "it is impossible to think anybody would be fooled. Tea is not by its nature blue."

He suggested that Mrs Down may have accused her husband of trying to poison her to force him into a better divorce settlement.

Mr Down, of Burton Latimer, Northamptonshire, denies attempting unlawfully to administer a poison. The case continues.

## Maths solves great caravan riddle

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

### MRS WALKER'S PARKING PROBLEM

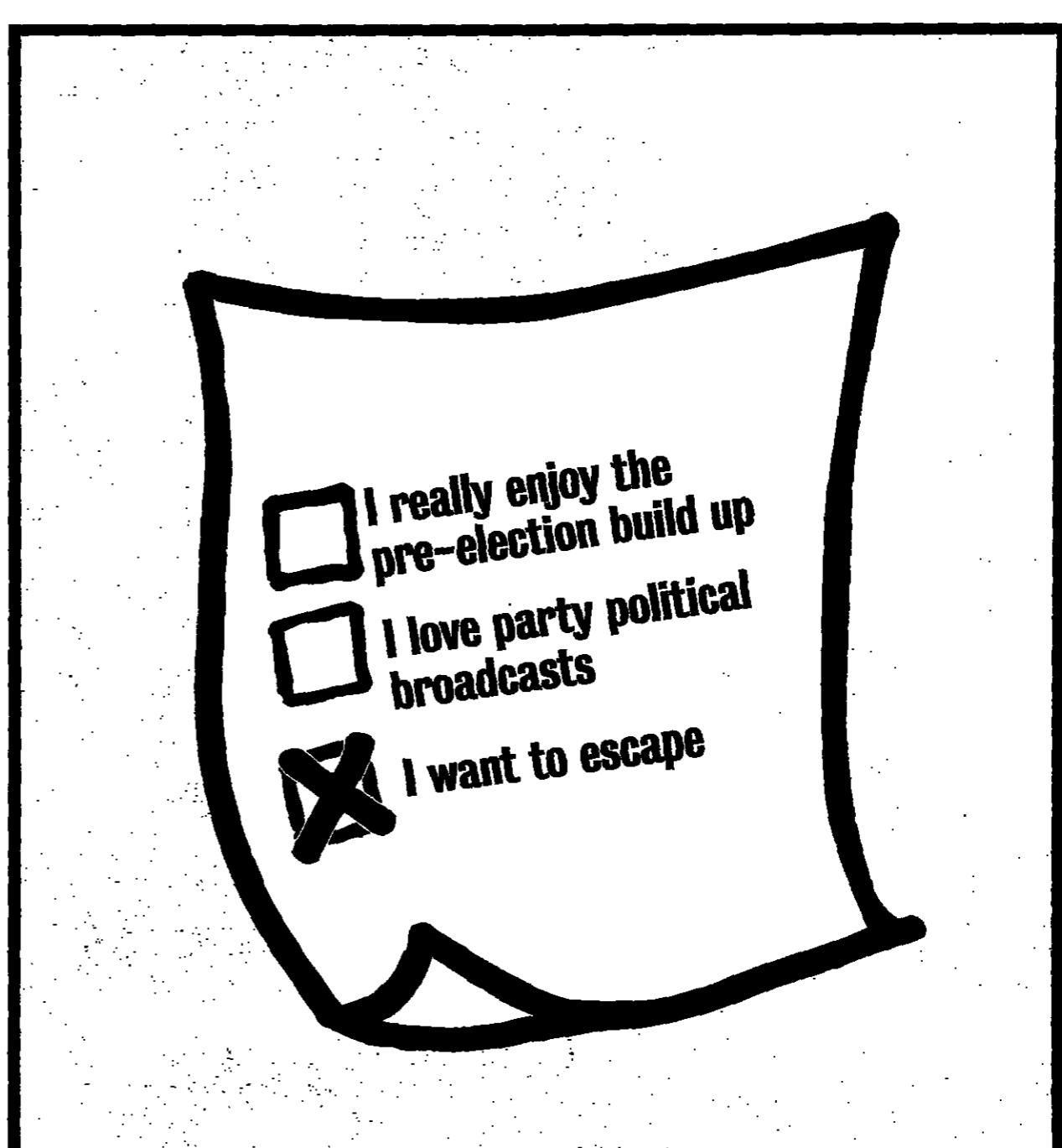
MATHEMATICS has come to the aid of a woman stumped by a perennial problem for caravan-owners: how big a caravan can I fit in my parking space?

The worried owner, Mrs K. Walker, already had a caravan 16ft 8in long, but fancied a bigger one. To reach the parking space behind her home the caravan had to be pushed up a drive by hand, around a corner past her house and around a second corner past the garage. How large could her new mobile home be, she asked *Practical Caravan*.

The magazine approached

Mensa without success, then turned to Napier University in Edinburgh. The letter landed on the desk of Judy Goldfinch, senior lecturer in mathematics. "It was a challenge," she said. "I know nothing about caravans, but I had to give it a try."

In *Mathematics Today* she produces her solution, and urges other mathematicians to tackle the problem. Treating the caravan as a rectangular box with two wheels and an A-frame at the front bearing a third small wheel, Dr Goldfinch worked out the equations governing the movement of the caravan



As polling day looms, the backbiting, bickering and political wrangling get worse. So if you've got election boredom rather than election fever, escape on Eurostar. A week in Paris in the spring certainly beats a week in politics. And politicians?

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Sculptor arrested after visitor to exhibition recognised relative's remains as part of a sculpture

## Doctors fear that 'body art' case will deter donors

BY STEPHEN FARRELL AND AUDREY MAGER

DOCTORS voiced fears last night that the arrest of a sculptor suspected of stealing human remains would deter patients from donating their bodies for medical research.

Anthony-Noel Kelly, 41, of Clapham, southwest London, a nephew of the Duke of Norfolk and part-time tutor at the Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture, was questioned by detectives from the Organised Crime Group. They had been alerted by Dr Laurence Martin, Her Majesty's Inspector of Anatomy.

Scotland Yard confirmed yesterday: "The investigation is into allegations of theft and the burying of bodies without consent. A search was carried out at an address in southwest London and at a venue in Kent where a number of body parts were found."

Paul O'Higgins, of the Department of Anatomy and Developmental Biology at University College London Medical School, said the profession was shocked at the prospect of bodies being used for purposes other than intended. "There has to be concern that people will be less likely to donate bodies for medical research. The future of healthcare in this country is in some degree dependent on the adequate provision of

these parts. We are concerned to reassure the public how carefully we monitor things."

Controversy surrounding Mr Kelly, a former butcher and abattoir worker, began in January with his exhibit at the Contemporary Art Fair in Islington, north London: a silver-coated head and shoulders of an old man with part of the brain cut away, and a gold triptych of three sections of another elderly person. A relative is said to have recognised remains used in a sculpture.

Detectives searched Mr Kelly's home on April 2. The artist, who has not been charged, was released on bail until April 17. Yesterday he said: "At the moment I am just helping police with their inquiries, that is all I can say. I am not saying anything until I feel it is the right time to give my version."

Under the Anatomy Act 1964 it is a criminal offence to use body parts for any purpose other than medical research. Sentencing is at judges' discretion. Remains can be kept for up to three years, after which they must be given a proper burial or cremation.

Bodies can be left to art: the Department of Health said bodies may be bequeathed for artistic and other non-medical

purposes, but they had to be registered under the Anatomy Act at a medical school, as with other cadavers. Experts said they had never encountered such a donation.

The 1964 Act tightened up procedures under the 1832 Anatomy Act, which was passed three years after Burke and Hare murdered at least 15 people in Edinburgh and sold the bodies for dissection.

In January, in an interview with the *Independent on Sunday*, Mr Kelly admitted using human body parts acquired from medical schools and casting them in rubber and glass fibre to create the plaster heads. "To get them was a sweat, under cover of darkness. I had the police on me once because someone had tipped them off. I still had some body pieces I hadn't yet used and I had to destroy them," he said.

He also claimed to be respectful of his subject matter.

"I am in awe of life and death. I have a tremendous respect for the human body." His studio, kept at low temperatures, is adorned with plaster "torsos" of elderly people hanging alongside gilded human "horns".

Anatomists last night said they were mystified as to how anyone could obtain remains under the strict procedures that are observed. Michael Hobbs, secretary of the London Anatomy Trust, said all donated bodies were allocated identification numbers. More than 250 are donated to London hospitals each year. They are released only to Home Office-licensed teachers of anatomy at licensed dissecting rooms and are kept in permanently manned premises with 24-hour closed circuit cameras, double-locked doors with electronic card entry to which only permitted staff and students carrying proof of identity are admitted. Medical artists studying human anatomy are granted access in some conditions.



Anthony-Noel Kelly has previously admitted using human body parts in his work: "To get them was a sweat, under cover of darkness"

## Fatal attraction of artists through the ages

BY ALAN HAMILTON

ARTISTS through the ages have gone to the cadaver for inspiration and instruction. Still death rather than still life, drawn from the dissecting table rather than the dining table, has characterised the work of great painters since the days of the Renaissance.

Leonardo da Vinci studied the remains of paupers for his anatomical drawings, stunning in their graphic accuracy. Caravaggio, one of the early artists in the first years of the 17th century, was accused by his rivals, and by the church authorities, of using the body of a dead prostitute as a model for his *Death Of The Virgin*. That he might have used the corpse of a common whore to study the precise shade of deathly pallor required for his painting of the mother of Christ was not the most appealing of concepts at the time.

But even before him, artists were studying the dead in the interests of accuracy. In the



*The Anatomy Lesson*, a Rembrandt masterpiece

16th century, both Holbein and Mantegna tackled the subject of the death of Christ, laid out as a corpse after being taken down from the cross, by referring to real cadavers.

The tradition is, in fact, far older. The British Museum is currently exhibiting mummy paintings from the Roman occupation of Egypt around the first century AD, in which

represented as though still living, decorate the coffin. There is some academic dispute as to whether the paintings were commissioned while their subjects were still alive, or whether an artist was hastily summoned to paint the newly departed before the embalmers got to work.

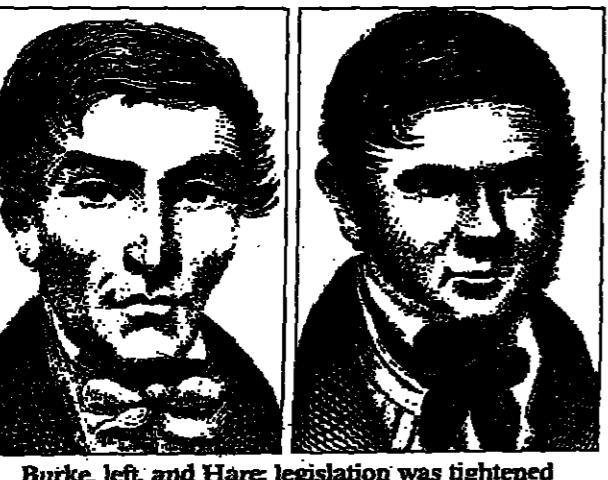
Rembrandt's masterpiece *The Anatomy Lesson* is really a group portrait of a famous physician of the day and his pupils, but there is a body on the table in front of them. The Dutchman would undoubtedly have studied the dead to get the detail right: anatomical study, usually of paupers or convicted criminals, was standard art training for centuries.

He masterminded the exhibition *The Art of Death* at the Victoria and Albert Museum three years ago, said yesterday: "Anthony-Noel Kelly is following in a long tradition of artists who have had to find their anatomical models by skullduggery and the back door."

The Renaissance artists got away with it as long as they stuck to paupers and prostitutes. Some, such as Leonardo, were interested in what went on under the skin. Others, such as Mantegna, wanted to know what dead skin itself looked like.

Dr Llewellyn said that it had been a long time since art students had to study rotting corpses. There had been a long tradition of art academies using an écorché, a plaster cast of a cadaver, to teach anatomy.

But the tradition of reality lives on among war artists, who are still confronted with the gruesome reality in the field. They are not, however, in the habit of taking bits home.



Burke, left, and Hare: legislation was tightened in the wake of their body-snatching in Edinburgh

## Rail staff urged to tackle suicides

RAIL workers are being taught how to spot potential suicides in an attempt to reduce the number of people who take their own lives on the railway (Kathryn Knight writes).

Leaflets helping to identify those at risk and giving ways of helping them are being distributed to all Great North Eastern Railway staff on the East Coast main line as part of a pilot scheme run by

Railtrack and the Samaritans, which it is hoped will be extended nationally. About 170 people a year commit suicide on the railway. Staff will also be given a free chargecard to give to distressed people to telephone the Samaritans.

Yesterday the actor Michael Angelis helped to launch an awareness campaign by naming a GNER train *The Samaritans* at King's Cross in London. Posters

showing a telephone and the words: "There is a Samaritan at this station 24 hours a day" are being displayed at stations on the GNER route.

Simon Armon, chief executive of the Samaritans, said the scheme may be extended to the London Underground if successful. "It's important to reach out to people rather than to wait for the telephone to ring."

Children at risk from poor car safety

BY JEREMY LAURANCE

BADLY designed child car seats, and belts which are wrongly used, are putting children's lives at risk, according to a study. A survey of 180 cars found that in more than half at least one passenger was restrained by an ill-fitting or poorly secured device.

Of the 600 passengers in the survey, including 269 children, 80 per cent were using a belt or restraint of some kind. More than 40 per cent of rear-facing, and 60 per cent of two-way, child seats were being incorrectly used.

Dr Harry Campbell and colleagues of the department of public health sciences at the University of Edinburgh, who published the findings in *Injury Prevention*, say that only one of the 59 drivers asked had been shown how to fit and use a child safety seat. Three quarters of parents who had bought child restraints from supermarkets had not been told how to fit them.

Dr Mike Hayes, of the Child Accident Prevention Trust, said: "No one should buy a child restraint without taking their car to the shop. You cannot take a box home from the supermarket and see whether it fits."

Drivers are receiving poor service from franchised dealers, and are more satisfied with Japanese than European cars, a survey disclosed yesterday. Subaru topped the poll carried out for the BBC2 motoring programme *Top Gear*, but Coventry-based Jaguar did make the top ten. The top-scoring Continental model was the Skoda Felicia.

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Sociologists run their measuring tapes over female fashion and lower-division soccer



Gascoigne, left, and Shearer: wrong impression

## Not all footballers are having a ball

FOOTBALLERS stuck in the gloom of Division Three and the lesser leagues are suffering from "Shearerisation" and "Gascoigneisation", according to a sociologist (Paul Wilkinson writes).

Craig Gurney believes that the first means that they get no public sympathy because everyone thinks they earn vast amounts of money, while the other reflects the public perception that players are always involved in scandals.

Mr Gurney, who lectures on housing at the University of Wales, Cardiff, told the meeting: "Because of this, empathy for professional footballers seems limited and explains more than anything else why

they remain outside the sociological imagination."

Discussing the effects of transfers, he said nothing was known about the problems footballers faced in moving homes.

In his interviews with players from less fashionable sides, he noted a common complaint that "for every Shearer, there are many more people like me".

He said that the public perception of footballers as an undeserving, super-rich group was wrong. "Male professional footballers are mundanely like workers in other occupations."

Mr Gurney is working on a book about players' wives entitled *We're Not All Page 3 Girls*.

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## Get a haircut to get ahead at work, say women high-flyers

By PAUL WILKINSON

WOMEN were told yesterday that if they wanted to get ahead in their careers they should get a haircut. And definitely not wear a cardigan.

A study of power-dressing among female high-achievers found that what they most feared was looking like a secretary; they might find themselves asked to make the coffee.

In a paper delivered to the British Sociological Association yesterday, Joanne Entwistle set out the sartorial rules for professional women, based on her questioning of women working in the law, business and media.

"Successful women want status, and power-dressing is one way to get it. They wear clothes that say 'Take me seriously' and 'Respect me'. Men have always had a business outfit to identify themselves, and now it seems professional women have one too."

The typical outfit, particularly in the law and business, was quite conservative. "A tailored jacket with small shoulder pads, skirt or trousers, sensible shoes and subtle make-up are *de rigueur*. Hair should not be more than shoulder length because that would be too sexy."

Dressed in a smart tailored navy blue trouser suit and pale blue blouse, with dark brown hair cut to touch her

shoulders, Miss Entwistle, a lecturer at the University of North London, said: "Long hair is too feminine or 'girly'. The women I spoke to thought looking sexy was a bad thing, though looking attractive is fine. Women in a position of power in the boardroom, the law and politics do not want to look too sexy."

The other fear is looking like a secretary. They feel cardigan and jumpers would mean them being mistaken for a lowly clerical worker and they could be asked to make the coffee in the boardroom.

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Some women don't like it and feel it is imposed upon them, but they feel that to achieve, they have to dress this way. However, most say power-dressing gives them status, confidence and authority at work. My advice to any would-be career women going for an interview is: wear a jacket and make sure your make-up is not too garish."



Dressed for success: Joanne Entwistle yesterday

## Navy man banned for hitting ref

A PETTY officer in the Royal Navy was banned yesterday from attending all football matches for 15 months and fined £2,750 after assaulting Football League referee.

Darren Williams, 29, of Christchurch, Dorset, attacked Ian Cruickshanks during a match between Bury and Bournemouth in February. Bury Magistrates' Court was told. Mr Cruickshanks had a four-inch scratch to his neck and shoulder.

Philip Thompson, in mitigation, said that Williams went on to the pitch because he wanted to speak to the referee. He was stopped and led away by stewards. He knew he was wrong and apologised at once.

Williams, who is an amateur referee, has been banned from officiating for the Navy and in local games. He faces Navy discipline and will not be eligible for promotion for at least a further three years.

Williams, who pleaded guilty, was fined £2,000 for assault and £750 for invading the pitch, with £45 costs and £100 compensation.

## Cliff-top fall

A woman aged 57 fell 200ft to her death while walking with her husband on an unclipped cliff. He raised the alarm at a house close to the scene near Deal, Kent. Police said there were no suspicious circumstances. An inquest will be held.

## Sailor honoured

The solo yachtsman Peter Goss, 35, received a Royal Ocean Racing Club trophy for his rescue of Raphael Dinelli in the Southern Ocean last December. He is also to receive the Legion d'honneur, France's highest bravery award.

## Pulling the rug

Police in Rainham, Kent, hired eight wigs for an identity parade so that a building society cashier could pick out a raider who had disguised himself with fake permed hair, sunglasses and a baseball cap. The accused was later jailed for 12 years.

## Scientists target inescapable bullet

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

SMART bullets that will track the movement of targets as they try to escape are being developed by scientists. An innovative nose cone, capable of hundreds of movements a second, will enable snipers to pick off human targets several kilometres away, it is claimed. The ammunition, guided by a laser-tracking system of the type used by the RAF in the Gulf War, is being developed for the US Air Force. The researchers initially concentrated on bullets up to 20 millimetres fired by aircraft, but they are already working on smaller versions. The system is called barrel-

launched adaptive munitions (Blam). Ron Barrett, an aerospace engineer at Auburn University in Alabama, who is testing prototypes, said: "The way pilots guarantee a hit is by filling the sky with lead. With Blam, pilots would need only one bullet to get a hit."

The direction of the bullet is controlled by the new nose cone, which contains tiny piezoelectric rods or tendons which can shorten or lengthen hundreds of times a second.

"At supersonic speed, very small angles generate huge amounts of lift," Dr

Barrett told *New Scientist*.

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## Tory horror show we've seen before

THE party election broadcast said: ‘Imagine if the polls were right, imagine if they won the election.’ And, for once, the polls were right: the opposition did win the election. There followed a catalogue of horrors.

They put the tax up almost as soon as they got in,’ recalled an elderly man with bitterness in last night’s broadcast. One year after the election a woman bewailed her lost job. A second complained that her son had been jobless for more than a year, and had no hope of finding one because of the minimum wage.

Three years later, unemployment was still soaring, the cost of living had risen by £30 a week and mortgage rates had ‘gone through the roof’. And to make matters worse, the new government had changed the voting system to make it ‘much more difficult to get them out again’.

By the time the new party had been in power for ten years, everything had gone to the dogs. The country was again in the grip of strikes. Schools were closing up and down the country, mortgages were again going through the roof and unemployment was again ‘soaring’.

A hideous prospect, yet absolutely credible. How do I know? Because all these disasters really did befall Britain



Anatole Kaletsky  
believes the Saatchi  
brothers have scored a  
succession of political  
own goals in the  
visionary style of their  
latest Tory broadcast

after the voters took their  
reckless plunge into the  
unknown. To be precise, within  
one, three and ten years of

May 3, 1979, when the people  
elected a Tory Government led  
by the untested Margaret

Thatcher and put into parliament  
for the first time an obscure bank official named

John Major.

Consider the evidence. The  
Tories certainly ‘put up the  
tax almost as soon as they got  
in’. In their mini-budget less

than two months after the  
election, Sir Geoffrey Howe

stunned the nation by hoisting  
Value Added Tax from 8 to 15

per cent, in direct contradic-

tion to his party’s election

promises, lifting the overall  
tax burden by 1 per cent in

the 12 months before the  
election.

By 1989 the direst predic-

tions made in the political  
broadcast had been fulfilled.

Strikes were breaking out  
again after just three years of

quiescence: the 4.1 million  
working days lost through  
strikes was the highest since

the end of the miners’ strike in

1984-85.

Mortgage rates had jumped  
from 9.5 in 1988 to 13.5 per cent

in 1989 and were on their way

to a record 15 per cent.

Unemployment had fallen  
from its three million peak to

just below two million, but  
was soon to turn sharply

upwards and hit 3 million

again. Even inflation, which the  
Tories had chosen as the ‘judge and jury’ of their

economic record, was not

much better in May 1989 than

it had been ten years earlier

and was rapidly moving up.

As for the school closures

foreshadowed in last night’s

election broadcast, the Tories

certainly know whereof they

speak: they shut down 5 per

cent of all primary schools and

10 per cent of secondary

schools between 1982 and 1989.

In fact, of the 12 prophecies

of doom I noted in the Tory

Jeremiad, there were only two

to which the Tories did not

themselves succumb in their

first ten years: electoral reform

and the introduction of a

minimum wage. And even on

these issues, a less lenient

umpire could award own

goals against the Saatchi

brothers who masterminded

the Tory broadcast.

The Labour promise of a

referendum on proportional

representation, for example,

would emphatically not make

it harder to vote a Labour

government out of office. On

the contrary, the main

objection to PR is that it

undermines stable govern-

ment by letting small minor-

ties evict major parties from

power. What PR would make

much harder is the achievement

of the kind of political

monopoly which the Tories

have enjoyed for 18 years on

the basis of just 44 per cent of

the popular vote.

That leaves the introduction

of a minimum wage. There is

certainly nothing comparable

to this economic illiteracy in

the Tories’ own record, but it

may still be a mistake to try to

frighten voters about Labour’s

effect on unemployment

among the young. Not only is

this bound to remind the

public of the Tories’ own

abject failure on this issue. It

may also draw attention to one

of the few economic pledges

which Tony Blair has made

crystal clear.

A Labour government, he

said, would guarantee a sub-

sidised job or a training place

for every young person who

had been unemployed for

more than 6 months. This may

or may not be a sensible idea

from an economic standpoint,

but it has been thoroughly

costed and the source of the

money (the windfall profits tax

utilities) has been identified.

In sum, the vague and

emotive accusations made in

tonight’s Tory broadcast bore

no particular relation to the

danger posed by a future

Labour government. There

are many potentially frightening

hints and gaps in Labour’s

platforms on every subject rang-

ing from privatisation of pen-

sions and financing of higher

education to the future of

Europe and defence.

But the Saatchis will have to

try harder if they want to

frighten the voters without

reminding them of the mixed

record of the Tory years. All

they come up with tonight is

barroom blather. Such accusations

can always be levelled

against any government and

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tics — even against a govern-

ment with as many genuine

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the Tories in the Thatcher

decade.



Pete Wilson and wife in 1995 when he announced his attempt at the presidency

California  
got there  
first with  
fantasy TV

By TIM HAMES

IN THE past Conservative party election broadcasts have played on memories of 1979, offering images of rubbish piled in the streets and the dead left unburied.

However, with many voters only dimly aware of who James Callaghan was, never mind what he did, Lord Saatchi clearly decided it was time for a change. For the first time tonight’s broadcast offers a fantasy future of life under Blair, in effect abandoning 1979 for 1999.

The fantasy future technique was first used in California by Upton Sinclair in 1934. It was perfected there by Governor Pete Wilson of California 60 years later. His situation in 1994 was similar to John Major’s today. The Republicans had held power in the state for 12 years. Wilson had been elected during a recession and raised taxes. There were charges of petty corruption. The Democrats nominated Kathleen Brown, a young, moderate figure with a vigorous style. She held a 23-point lead in the polls. Wilson was widely written off as finished.

The Governor fought back with television adverts that pictured California under Kathleen Brown. Immigrants from Mexico would flood the state. Crime figures would explode under her watch. The slow improvement in the economy would be reversed.

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Adrian Rogers says homosexuality is "disease-ridden"

## Lonely Tory faces his worst fears incarnate

THE lonely-looking candidate was carrying a small soap box and flanked by two nervous and embarrassed young minders. "I know you," he said. "you're the man who writes unpleasant things about me in *The Times*. I hardly think you're going to be impartial here. You don't give a man a fair chance."

This was the Conservative candidate for Exeter, a Tory marginal. Dr Adrian Rogers — he of the "homosexuality is a sterile, disease-ridden occupation" opinions — did indeed know me. I have written in the past of the difficulty Tory voters in Exeter who are gay, or tolerant of others who are, may have in voting for him this time.

The contest is made the more piquant by the fact that his Labour opponent, Ben Bradshaw, is openly gay. "Bent Ben," Rogers has called him. Worse, Bradshaw works for the BBC. Worse still, he comes from London. Rogers, a GP who has led the Conservative Family Campaign, finds within his sights the very evil he has campaigned against for years.

The campaign is not going well. When Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, visited Exeter recently, there was, sadly, no time to meet the Tory candidate. The outgoing Tory MP, Sir John Hannam, has found it inconvenient to put in more than a token effort on his successor's behalf. Ben Bradshaw, meanwhile, is basking (if we may put it thus) in Dr Rogers's disapproval.

Bradshaw is a leggy, fresh-faced, floppy-haired young man with a quick mind, a pleasant manner, a ready smile, a vaunting ambition, unlimited energy, a



MATTHEW PARRIS

merry laugh and a strategic sense-of-humour-failure wherever human looks risky.

"Really nice to meet you," isn't it hot today?" "Absolutely" "Lovely to meet," "all the best" ... Mr Bradshaw was canvassing Church Road in new-Labour-Speak "blitzing and voter-IDing".

"I'm a Liberal, really," said one lady householder, abashed.

"Absolutely. But you know, that's a little bit of a waste."

He combines an eagerness to gather us all up with an unseemly vagueness as to where he means to take us. The project was Victory. Full stop. As he leapt down the street, darting this way and that ahead of the throng, he reminded me of a Pied Piper of Hamelin.

"I meet a lot of Liberal Democrats voting for me. Here's one of my posters, in case you get more committed. Then you can stick it up."

"Stick it up where?" I asked.

Sense-of-humour failure. "Soft Labour, former Liberal, eminently squeezable," he instructed his aids briskly, diving for another door.

"I don't want that Common Market," said another woman, but Bradshaw changed the subject. Whatever people asked, he switched deftly to the NHS and Education. Absolutely. It was as though he were programmed.

"I'm a capitalist," barked one elderly lady, round her door. "Home rule for England! No more money for Scotland!"

"I'm very religious," he told us, pointing. "That's my church. Every Sunday. Six old ladies and me." "Seven old ladies, then," I said. Sense-of-humour-failure. Absolutely. We were nearing the Cathedral, outside which Tony Blair was to speak after lunch. As we entered a pub, one youth, mistaking him for Blair, muttered "Tony Blair. Full of shit."

"Isn't it lovely?" said Bradshaw, indicating the Gothic architecture outside. "You wouldn't believe it was going to be Labour after May 1." He ordered a pint of shandy and a cornish pasty.

Through the plate glass we had seen Dr Rogers. He had arrived to canvass the square but seemed unseemly by Bradshaw's appearance in the pub. It was then that I had stepped outside to meet him.

"You should be ashamed," Rogers had said, ending our conversation. "Go home." I was not ashamed, but something disquieted me, attached as I was to Ben Bradshaw's self-confident claque and sense of approaching victory. I felt that the isolated Dr Rogers was rather brave.



Ben Bradshaw. Dr Rogers's openly gay Labour opponent

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# Tories claw back support as managers of the economy

Peter Riddell on MORI poll findings which suggest that the voters are beginning to focus on the election issues

THE Conservatives have sharply improved their rating over the past few months as the party best able to manage the economy and to handle taxation, according to the latest MORI poll for *The Times*.

The poll, based on interviews conducted on Tuesday, shows that Labour remains well ahead on the key issues which people regard as "very important" in helping to decide how they vote, such as healthcare, education and unemployment. But the Tories are in the lead as the best party on the next two issues in ranking of importance: law and order and economic management. Out of the 16 issues rated as very important, Labour is ahead on eight, the Tories on seven and the Liberal Democrats on one (protecting the natural environment).

As significant is the big relative improvement in the Tories' standing as the best

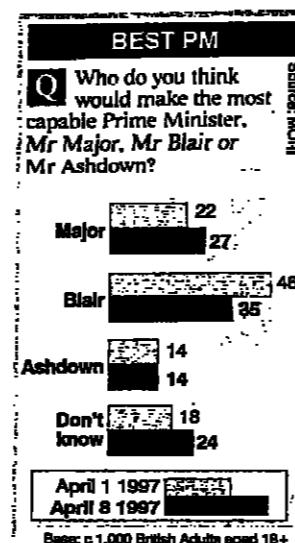
party on taxation. In February, Labour was in the lead by 33 to 31 per cent among those regarding the issue as very important in deciding their votes. Now, the Tories are ahead by 41 to 26 per cent. The Tories have also improved their standing on managing the economy: some 45 per cent now rate them as the best party, against 23 per cent for Labour. There has been a similar shift on Europe, where the Tories now enjoy a two-to-one lead, whereas the two parties were level-pegging a year ago.

These shifts suggest that the start of the campaign has started to focus the public's minds on the issues and that some of the Tory propaganda on the economy may have started to have an impact.

If the current views of all voters, rather than just those mentioning a particular issue as important, are compared with their attitudes at the same stage of the 1992 general

election campaign, the Tories have roughly the same lead over Labour on managing the economy as they did then. However, the Tory lead on Europe and taxation is down over the period; Labour is in a slightly stronger position now on education and health care; and the Tories' big lead on law and order has virtually been eliminated.

Labour's shifts on certain policies in recent days may also have damaged its image and that of Tony Blair. The number regarding him as the most capable Prime Minister has dropped from 46 to 35 per cent over the past week, with above average falls among men and among 18 to 34-year-olds. By contrast, there has been a rise of five points to 27 per cent in the number naming John Major as the most capable Prime Minister, but also a six-point rise in the don't know to 24 per cent. This suggests an increased fluidity



Base: 1,000 British Adults aged 18+

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# Viewers turn to the past in search of light relief

PUBLIC indifference to television coverage of the general election is creating some unlikely hits, as viewers turn away from news programmes in search of light relief.

*The Antiques Show*, a modest new BBC2 programme about country dealers, obsessive collectors and tales from car boot sales, has shot up the ratings charts to universal surprise. According to unofficial figures, the programme's first edition on Monday, which was screened against BBC1's *Panorama* interview with Tony Blair, was watched by 4.4 million.

Presented by former *Newsnight* journalist Francine Stock, it took 17 per cent of the available audience — a 50 per cent increase on BBC2's usual share. The programme gave the channel a rare victory over BBC1, beating *Panorama* by 1.6 million viewers, despite the fact that *Panorama* had been moved from its usual place after the *Nine O'Clock News*, which has lost between one and two million viewers since April 1 when it was extended from 25

minutes to nearly an hour to include special election coverage. According to unofficial figures, the programme, which had an average audience of 6.1 million in 1996, dropped to an average of 4.4 million last week, bottom-

ing at 3.8 million on Friday.

On Monday it had an audience of just 3.9 million. A spokeswoman for the BBC denied that the figures were down. "There is no alarming dip," she said. Rival broadcasters say, however,

that BBC1, driven by its public service remit and its "mission to explain", appears virtually to have given up competing for ratings in large parts of the schedule during the general election.

BBC2's *Newsnight*, which has been extended by 15 minutes for the duration of the campaign, has suffered a slight loss of viewers, dropping from around 1.1 million to around 1 million. *Channel 4 News* is also down slightly from around 0.74 million to 0.7 million. ITV's *News at Ten*, which

is packing its election coverage into its *normal* half-hour slot, has also seen a slight fall in audiences during the campaign, down from an average of 6.3 million last year to 5.8 million last week.

The fledgling Channel 5 also appears to have benefited from the exodus from BBC1's *Nine O'Clock News*. Its strongest slot is at 9pm during weekdays when it shows feature films. On Monday its screening of the Hollywood film *Highlander* attracted 1.4 million viewers, giving the channel a 7 per

cent audience share, 2 per cent more than its target.

There does appear to be a hard core of dedicated political viewers, however, willing to seek out specialist programmes. BBC2's decision to screen *Newsnight* on Saturdays at 7.05pm during the election campaign has proved an unexpected success. Last Saturday the programme was watched by 1.5 million viewers — considerably more than the weekday edition.

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MICHAEL POWELL

# Bell goes all-out for victory in a new war zone

THERE was no mortar fire on the Cheshire roads yesterday, just potential voters, but Martin Bell's blood was up as he drove for his first big sortie in the war on Neil Hamilton.

Sitting in the back of a Green Vauxhall, driven by Ruth Stubbs, of Wilmslow, Mr Bell was intent on avenging the open-air ambush that Mr Hamilton and Christine, his formidable wife, had inflicted on him on Tuesday. It had been a polished job in which the old pro had thrown the neophyte onto the defensive in a verbal brawl. "I was hesitant at first, but now I'm going to nail this man," Mr Bell said through gritted teeth.

The outing to Wilmslow to greet the citizens of the Tatton constituency, was the first since the local Conservatives endorsed as their candidate Mr Hamilton, the man at the centre of the sleaze saga, and launched the campaign of his would-be newsman nemesis. Sitting in front, Melissa, 22, the daughter whom he calls "my Mrs Hamilton", said that the ambush had fired up her father to fight hard for election victory.

Adding to the emotion was the fact that Mr Bell had just bade farewell to the BBC, telephoning his resignation and burning his bridges after 35 years as a reporter, much of it abroad. He had become an embarrassment, he said, and the Beeb had shown a certain relief, but he was sure his love affair with the corporation would never end. "I had a high profile. They could never have taken me back."

Mr Bell, 58, had emerged for his drive from the cellar bar of the Long View hotel at Knutsford, the headquarters of a campaign that is so far being run by Melissa, a Warwick University politics graduate, and a couple of helpers.



Fired up after his first skirmish with the enemy, Tatton's new candidate has been marshalling his troops for battle, reports Charles Bremner

including the landlord's daughter. "I desperately need staff," the newsman said as he fielded calls, talked strategy and tried to learn the local political cast.

One of his well-wishers was John Stalker, the former Manchester police chief, who dropped in yesterday to offer to give his local contacts to his party. Mr Stalker declined to give his party leaning. Mr Bell is eager to gather local Tory backing to balance his Labour and Lib-Dem support. No Tory official has joined him, but he is getting calls from Conservative voters.

Absent from the car yesterday were the visible nerves of Monday's London press conference when Mr Bell, a man of a solemnity rare in a trade whose practitioners style themselves cynics, paraded his fear over his sudden launch into the political deep end, at the suggestion of Labour and Liberal Democrat leaders.

He was still absorbing the scale of his decision to throw down the gauntlet in the most closely watched seat in the land and seeing the local Labour and Liberal Democrat candidates withdraw to let him to fight on an anti-corruption ticket. "I think I'm either in a dream or a nightmare and I won't find out until the morning of the 2nd of May." But, he had "crossed the red line".

"I am a former journalist

and now a politician," he said, as if not quite believing it. "It's hard to break this habit. It's very difficult to break the habits of a lifetime. I was walking past the newspaper shop and saw the papers and I thought 'I wonder how I'm going to cover this campaign and then I said 'Bless my soul, you are this campaign'." The newsman had had plenty of experience of campaigns, ranging from Nixon and Humphrey in 1968 to El Salvador, but he has not witnessed a British election since 1974. All those years abroad have put him into something of a time warp.

As enthusiastic as Mr Smith going to Washington, the accidental politician said that he would give all to scale the daunting learning curve ahead of him. He might be a political innocent, but "by a year or two I'd hope to be the best member that Tatton ever had and I think that's a reasonable ambition".

The path from newsman to independent MP is far from certain, although local bookmakers were giving him favourite. Striding in the sunshine through Wilmslow, a prosperous town studded with BMWs and jaguars, Mr Bell found many a well-wisher, but also many an eyebrow raised over the parachutist from London. Clear admiration for the newsman celebrity was mixed with grumbling about Labour stunts.

## Blair turns the screws to keep sleaze in news

BY JAMES LANDALE AND POLLY NEWTON

TONY BLAIR stepped up the pressure on Neil Hamilton to resign last night, claiming that if a Labour candidate had behaved in the same way he would have been dropped.

Mr Blair, using a keynote speech for the first time to tackle the sleaze issue, called Mr Hamilton a "symbol of Tory dishonesty and a testimony to weak leadership".

But John Major called on Conservative voters in Tatton to back Mr Hamilton. He declared: "I would vote for Neil Hamilton because I would like to continue with the policies of lowering taxes when it is affordable, improving the choice in education for parents, making sure the health service is improved, making sure we don't go down the route towards a federal Europe and making sure we carry on the improvements of the last five years into the next five years."

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He added: "If a candidate of mine had taken the gifts and payments Mr Hamilton took without declaring them, he would not be a Labour candidate. If a candidate of mine had lied to the Deputy Prime Minister and the Cabinet Secretary, he would not be a Labour candidate."

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# Wily Cook unwilling to be saddled with his horse's guilt



PETER BARNARD

AT LAST this election campaign has a real issue: does Robin Cook take part in fox-hunting, or does he just ride horses that take part in fox-hunting? Is riding a horse that follows hounds the same as taking part in fox-hunting? Can a horse be guilty of fox-hunting but its rider not guilty?

I mused on these matters after an otherwise humdrum launch of the BBC's *Election Call*, which began yesterday and runs every weekday until polling day. The return of *Election Call*, in mothballs since

1992, means the return of the dread word simulcast, for the programme is simultaneously broadcast on BBC1 and Radio 4. So you had the choice of looking at Cook, or not looking at him.

I looked, but used the radio sound, a technique taken from football commentaries. The first half was dull, although there was a gosling scramble when Cook nearly accused a caller of being a Conservative Party. Cook had the last word on Tory membership, but spoilt it by mixing up Clive Baxter's

Labour of "sping Tory policies", which raised the alarming prospect of a member of the public who had actually read the Labour manifesto. Cook started: "I think, Clive, you've got two separate briefs from Central Office..."

Peter Sissons, the presenter, said: "You're not accusing him of being a Central Office stooge, are you?" and Baxter interjected: "Well, I'm most certainly not a member of the Conservative Party." Cook had the last word on Tory membership, but is currently being expressed by the

name: "Well, they're a diminishing band, Mr Clive..." After that, there was a slight frisson when Eric Maddocks from Taunton wanted to know if Labour MPs' sponsorship by unions was not "money for questions on the grand scale".

Cook replied that he was "connected" with RMT, the rail union, but "it is not sponsorship, it's an agreement between the unions and my constituency party". The rail union "might take a different view [on rail privatisation] from that that is currently being expressed by the

Labour leadership". It was unclear whether Cook and the Labour leadership are one and the same.

And so to Peter Evelyn of London, Mr Evelyn, unusually for a city dweller, was in favour of field sports and said: "I understand you are as well." There was little chance of the position being so simple.

Cook: "I've never hunted, I've never shot, I've never fished."

Sissons: "But you ride."

Cook: "Oh I ride, yes, but lots of people ride who never ride to hounds, I thoroughly enjoy riding.

Sissons: So you don't ride to hounds?"

Cook: "No, I'll freely admit that I have ridden horses that have followed hounds. I hope that doesn't make me guilty."

The image of the dapper Foreign Secretary-in-waiting out for a canter when his horse sniffs hounds and dashes off in pursuit, oblivious to every tug on the reins, is quite engrossing — unless the scene is a metaphor, with the unions as the horse.

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## Famous Tory names hope familiarity breeds intent

Damian Whitworth meets Norman Lamont, and Michael Horsnell meets David Amess, who have switched constituencies after boundary changes



Lamont thinks Labour surge may help him

THEY are two familiar faces in new places: one-time Tory heroes who have moved on after boundary changes left their old seats unsafe or non-existent.

In this election, the former Chancellor Norman Lamont, once John Major's right-hand man, is standing to become a North Yorkshire MP after losing his place in the Home Counties. And David Amess, once the champion of Basildon Man, hopes the coast is clear for him to win the safer seat of Southend West, long guarded by an old Tory dynasty.

Mr Lamont has mostly spurned offers of local TV debates, newspaper interviews, even photo calls, and is confining himself to voters' doorsteps in Harrogate and Knaresborough. He seems to have realised that he has a fight on his hands protecting a Tory majority of 9,211.

Last week, the former MP for the now vanished constituency of Kingston upon

Harrogate, Norman was out of the frying pan and into the fire.

Mr Lamont clinched the nomination for Harrogate by just a handful of local party votes, after months of humiliating rejection by other Conservative Associations. But the Boundary Commission has caused upheaval here too, taking away affluent rural pockets from the constituency, which had remained a safe Tory seat for 22 years in the hands of Robert Banks, who lived in Suffolk.

The Liberal Democrats are rampant. Of the 35 councillors in the constituency, 28 are Liberal Democrat and only three Tory. Mr Lamont's key opponent is Phil Willis, a head teacher who has led the council since 1990. Mr Willis, 55, is comparing his own financial acumen with the local budget with Mr Lamont's days as Chancellor.

Mr Willis said: "I don't blame him entirely for Black

Thames

Labour supporters were planning to cast their votes for the Liberal Democrats in a tactical ploy. On Monday, Mr Lamont hit the streets again. Paddy Ashdown has also visited Harrogate, and took Mr Lamont as the starting point for his speech at a Westminster rally: "We really have got Norman Lamont on the run. After rejections from a dozen seats, he ended up in

Wednesday, but I do blame him for tax promises he didn't keep and for VAT on fuel."

*The Times* finally tracked down Mr Lamont on his way back to his campaign headquarters after a pub lunch. He was then setting off to Knaresborough with his wife and party workers. He said he did not believe that newspaper

pers hugely influenced voters, and he wanted to spend time meeting constituents.

Eventually, he agreed to an interview: "I have been working exceedingly hard here for a year and a quarter and have met a huge number of people. When I was out today, I met a chap whom I had met three times before. I have been here every weekend apart from a handful, and in midweek quite a lot."

He said that he was especially interested in issues regarding the heritage of Harrogate, which was being developed by the Liberal Democrats. His own survey, he claimed, showed that the Labour vote was rising sharply, and those of the Lib Dems and the Tories were dropping. "And that is what I believe will happen." So the Labour rise will return him to Westminster.

Life is looking simpler for David Amess, described as the only Conservative to have moved nearer to Europe since the election was called. He has taken the "chicken run" from the concrete walkways of marginal new-town Essex for Southend West's Tory majority of 12,000, guarded by the Guinness-Channon dynasty for most of the century.

It was occupied by the former Cabinet minister Paul Channon for 38 years. Mr

Channon's grandfather, the Honourable R. E. C. L. Guinness, was elected in 1912. Mr Channon's grandmother, Lady I'veagh was elected in 1927, and went on to be chosen by Baldwin as the first woman to chair a party conference, because he thought it was going to be "difficult". The seat was passed to her son Sir Henry "Chips" Channon, and finally to Paul Channon at the age of 23, in 1959.

The contrast between the patrician figure of Mr Channon (Eton, Oxford and the Blues) and Mr Amess does not alarm the cockney ex-grammar schoolboy, whose parents worked as an electrician and a tea lady. At I'veagh Hall, his campaign headquarters, Mr Amess joked: "If I want to start a new family tradition, I could do one better. My son is also David Amess, although I am not encouraging him to go into politics."

Mr Channon served Southend well. It is rather different here from Basildon. It's a civilised area with traditions.

Mr Amess claims that far from leaving Basildon, where a notional 2.2 per cent swing would hand the seat to Labour, Basildon left him: "Even my headquarters and constituency association there are now in another constituency because of the boundary changes."

"I am no longer the same seat. I was the first and last MP for Basildon."



Family tradition: Lady I'veagh campaigning in Southend in 1927. Below, her grandson and successor Paul Channon, left, who is retiring after 38 years in the seat, and his would-be successor David Amess



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# Kohl's wise men urge two-year delay on euro

## Chirac visits Bonn to heal differences

FROM DEBORAH COLLCUTT IN BONN

TWO of Germany's "five wise men" have cast doubt on their Government's ability to fulfil entry criteria for economic and monetary union (EMU). Their misgivings emerged before talks in Bonn last night between Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, and President Chirac of France, aimed at patching up growing Franco-German differences over Europe.

Professor Herbert Hax, the president of the group of top five independent economists who advise the German Government, backed comments by Professor Rolf Pfefferkorn, his colleague. Professor Pfefferkorn said the start of EMU would have to be delayed by up to two years because of Bonn's strict interpretation of the Maastricht treaty entry criteria.

In an interview with Cologne's *Express* newspaper, Professor Pfefferkorn said this line of monetary policy was wise to a point, but not as regards reducing the budget deficit to 3 per cent of the gross domestic product this year in time for monetary union entry on January 1, 1999.

"As a softening of the convergence criteria is now out of the question, the single currency must be delayed for between one to two years," he said.

The professor, who lectures in finance at Mainz University, said the Chancellor and Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, had more

room to play with than they allowed themselves.

Professor Hax, a lecturer in finance at Cologne University, echoed the views of his colleague in an interview to today's *Kölner/Bonner Rundschau* by saying it was too late to relax interpretation of the criteria.

"It is better to hang on the hardline approach and delay the start of the euro," he said, adding that if European Union members could agree to a relaxation of the convergence terms then they "should say so today, so that the countries can adjust".

He told the newspaper that it was unlikely Germany would fulfil the criteria in the present economic climate. "Other EU countries have the same problem and a single European currency with only a few participants makes no sense," he said.

The euro was one of the topics due for discussion in Bonn last night and President Chirac is sure to be unsettled by Professor Pfefferkorn's comments.

The junior coalition partners of Herr Kohl's Christian Union, the Free Democrats (FDP), met the Chancellor in Bonn on Tuesday to smooth over a rift between Herr Waigel and Klaus Kinkel, the FDP Foreign Minister.

"Along with other EU colleagues, you should get on with your job of concentrating on the political union and save

us your advice on the single European currency," Herr Waigel warned Herr Kinkel in response to a newspaper article quoting the Foreign Minister as saying Germany was at "the point of no return" with the euro.

Herr Waigel interpreted his colleague's comment as an attempt to indicate that Germany should soften its

stand on the stability criteria — a view described as "unnecessary and exaggerated" by the FDP. The Finance Minister denied reports that he had relaxed his efforts to match the budget to the 3 per cent target.

Sources in Bonn said the Government considered Herr Kinkel was making life hard by implying the criteria could be interpreted more loosely

Helmut Kohl rings the bell to open yesterday's Cabinet meeting, while two top advisers were urging him to ring the changes on EMU

when the Finance Minister and Chancellor have no intention, at present, of straying from the hardline approach.

International markets will be hoping for a statement from the Chancellor after his meeting with President Chirac to explain Germany's dogged policy on strict criteria compliance amid signs that it cannot meet it.

Professor Pfefferkorn said in view of the latest unemployment figures — a small monthly fall but a new March post-war record of 4.48 million or 11.7 per cent — Germany could easily fail to fulfil the criteria. "I predict average unemployment of 4.2 million in 1997, that is to say that no change in the trend can be achieved," he said. "Therefore it will be

difficult to reach the 3 per cent deficit criteria." He added that as the Government had ruled out further tax increases, public spending and welfare benefits would have to be drastically reduced.

During their informal talks, Herr Kohl and M Chirac are expected to discuss European Union reform plans and the expansion of Nato.

## Nato deal paves way for French re-entry

BY MICHAEL EVANS

DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

PARIS is ready to resolve its dispute with the Americans over the command of Nato's southern Europe headquarters, which should guarantee France's reintegration into the alliance's military structure after an absence of 31 years.

The first stage in a deal between Washington and Paris emerged yesterday when it was confirmed that a Nato-Russia summit to sign a security charter will be held in Paris on May 27, if talks with Moscow are completed in time.

The choice of Paris for an event that will formalise a new strategic partnership between Nato and Russia is a significant boost for French prestige. It will also provide proof for the French that Nato has changed sufficiently since the end of the Cold War to justify France's return to the integrated structure which it left in March 1966.

The second part of the deal is expected to be a compromise under which the Americans will retain command of Allied Forces Southern Europe (Afsouth), based in Naples, but a European will be given a new four-star deputy commander post which will be responsible for all European force structures in the region.

France has been demanding that a European should be in command at Afsouth but the United States, which has the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean, has refused to relinquish control of the key headquarters command. French ministers said they would drop plans to reintegrate unless they got their way.

The anticipated deal with Paris will mean that France will formally announce its reintegration at the Nato summit in Madrid in July when invitations are to be made to Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary to join the alliance.

Confirmation that Paris has been chosen for the Nato-Russia summit came from Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, after talks yesterday with President Chirac. He said President Yeltsin had accepted an invitation to visit Paris on May 27.

## Author aspires to Spanish H-free zone

FROM GILES TREMlett  
IN MADRID

SPANISH children may be dancing with joy but a proposal by Gabriel García Márquez, the Nobel laureate, to do away with spelling has caused consternation in the hallowed halls of the Royal Academy of Spain.

"Spelling should be pensioned off," the author of *One Hundred Years of Solitude* recommended. "It terrifies human beings from birth."

The illustrious members of the Royal Academy, which has acted as both protector of

the Spanish language and arbiter of orthographic acceptability for the past two centuries, have reacted with scorn. "It would make Spanish like English, a language with no rules," Luis Goytisolo, the author and academy member, complained.

Señor García Márquez made his call before King Juan Carlos of Spain and an audience of academics gathered at the International Congress of the Spanish Language in Mexico. His ideas went down well with Latin American academics. "Spelling is used to oppress people," Raúl Ávila, the Mexican linguist, enthused.

proposals to win acceptance, Spanish greetings would never be the same. *Hola!* would become *Olá!*, and *Bienvenido!* (Welcome) would be either *Bienvenido!* or *Vienvendido!*

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## Two named over Calvi death

FROM RICHARD OWEN  
IN ROME

MAGISTRATES in Rome yesterday issued arrest warrants for two malfeasants allegedly involved in the death of Roberto Calvi, the Vatican-linked financier known as "God's Banker", who was found hanging under Blackfriars Bridge, London, in 1982.

The warrants were served on Pippo "The Cashier" Calo and Flavio Carboni, described as a Rome businessman. Calo, a Cosa Nostra member, is already in prison for gangland crimes. Signor Carboni was

recently extradited to Italy from Switzerland on charges relating to the collapse of Banco Ambrosiano, which Calvi ran. He was not immediately arrested, but his home was searched.

Reports said the arrest warrants were the result of information given to police by Francesco Marino Mannoia, a Mafia supergrass.

The coroner's court in London which investigated Calvi's death was unable to decide if he had taken his own life or been murdered. During an Italian government crackdown on Cosa Nostra last

summer, Francesco "Frank the Strangler" Di Carlo, a leading Mafia gangster, reportedly confessed to killing Calvi. He was not immediately arrested, but his home was searched.

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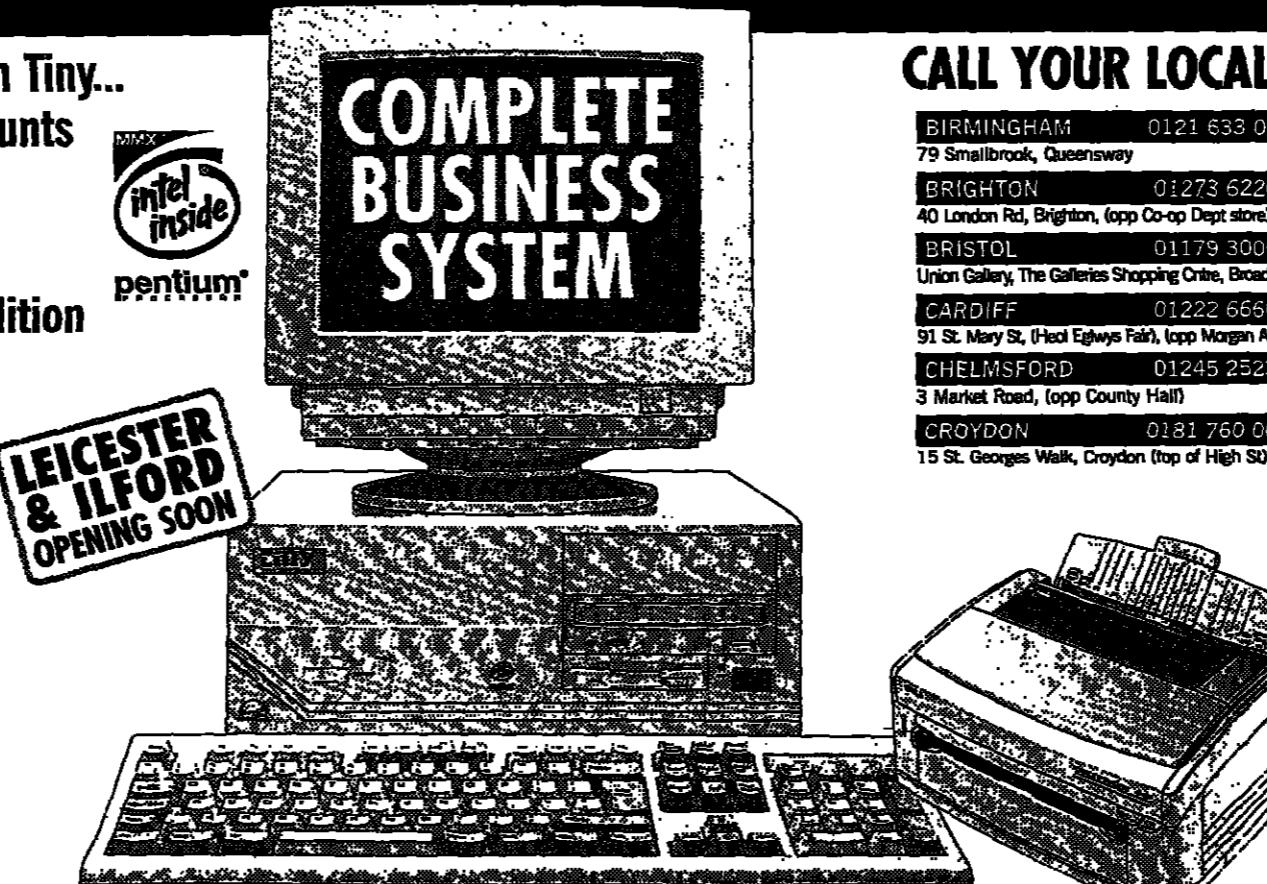
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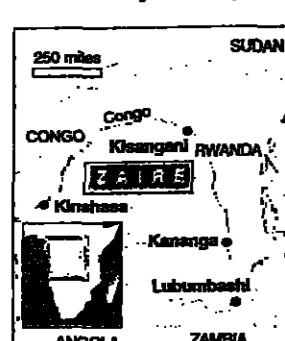
## Prime Minister of Zaire replaced amid protests as Lubumbashi falls

# 'Mobutu is history' says US as rebels near capital

By SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT  
AND BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

AMERICA called on Zaire's ailing President Mobutu to step down and leave the country yesterday as violence reached the capital, Kinshasa, and government troops failed to stop the nation's second city, Lubumbashi, from falling to rebels.

Supporters of Etienne Tshisekedi clashed with rebels firing teargas in Kinshasa after the newly-appointed Prime Minister was arrested and Mr Mobutu named a successor. However, with Laurent Kabila's mainly Tutsi-led rebels 120 miles to the east of the capital, the White House publicly round-edged on its ally of the past 25



Etienne Tshisekedi, the Prime Minister, is flanked by security forces as he tried to enter the Kinshasa parliament yesterday. He was detained later

years. Mike McCurry, the White House spokesman, said: "Mobutuism is about to become a creature of history."

In Lubumbashi, troops from the Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire entered the southern outskirts before taking over. They were cheered by civilians who, after 32 years of dictatorship, see the rebels as their liberators.

The guerrillas, who had met

little opposition in their march across the country, encountered strong initial resistance from Mr Mobutu's presidential division, which had been reinforced overnight. By nightfall, however, it was confirmed that the rebels were in charge and only celebratory gunfire could be heard.

Yesterday the rebels also took Likasi, 60 miles north west of Lubumbashi — formerly Elizabethville — without a fight.

The town is the centre of Zaire's cobalt and copper industries and of secessionist movements since the 1960s. The rebel forces were reported to be advancing on at least three fronts, including one

prowled the city yesterday, taking vehicles from civilians and menacing businesses. Many foreigners had already fled to Zambia in fear of army looting.

In Kinshasa, government troops detained Mr Tshisekedi, a long-time enemy of Mr Mobutu, after firing teargas at supporters near his car. About 2,000 protesters scattered in panic. Mr Tshisekedi was later dismissed and Mr Mobutu appointed Likulila

Balongo as Prime Minister in his place.

Yesterday Kofi Annan, the United Nations Secretary-General, said he thought face-to-face talks between Mr Mobutu and Mr Kabila might be agreed on soon — which could lead to a ceasefire.

In Washington, Mr McCurry said yesterday that support in Zaire for Mr Mobutu was "not sufficient to lead Zaire into the next chapter of its history". He said Mr McCurry was "well aware" of the American position.

Diplomats in Kinshasa fear that the rebellion which

started in the country's east could spark a popular uprising in the capital. Hundreds of British, American, French and Belgian troops are on standby in neighbouring Congo to evacuate Zaire.

The White House wants to

see a negotiated end to the civil war, including agreements on a transition government, leading eventually to democratic elections. That position, Mr McCurry said, "reflects our view that Mobutism is about to become a creature of history".

**Gingrich comes out fighting to remain Speaker**

FROM TOM RHODES  
IN WASHINGTON

AFTER months in political exile Newt Gingrich, the battered Republican leader, is elbowing his way back to power in a final effort to salvage his plummeting career on Capitol Hill.

Employing invective not heard since the days of his Republican revolution in 1994, the House Speaker is assuming a high-risk strategy to reclaim his place on America's political stage.

He has glided almost unnoticed through the corridors of Congress since being found guilty in January of using a tax-free charity to help fund his political activities. He misled investigators about the scandal and, in the first such punishment of a Speaker in American history, was fined \$300,000 (£185,000) by colleagues. He barely survived re-election to office and disappeared into obscurity.

As Congress returned from its spring recess this week, however, Mr Gingrich began a fiery counter-offensive. In speeches to political groups, he declared war on unions, compared the fundraising irregularities of the Clinton Administration to the decline of the Roman Empire, and branded Yasser Arafat, the President of the Palestinian Authority, "an active accomplice" in terror.

Yesterday he held another photo-opportunity to discuss his trip to Asia, a visit aides have deemed a public relations triumph. Tomorrow, for the first time in months, he will take part in a lengthy television interview, with Larry King. He has had lunch with freshman Republicans to convince them he is committed to tax cuts, the crown jewel of his *Contract with America*, which many felt he sacrificed at the altar of compromise with President Clinton.

Buoyed by the knowledge that the Republicans lack an obvious replacement, Mr Gingrich is clearly determined to reassert his leadership. However, this Congress session is littered with potential landmines. He faces a possible criminal investigation for tax abuses and must decide whether to pay the \$300,000 with his own money or use donated funds, a move bound to anger many Republicans.

He must also handle sensitive budget negotiations and legislation on China's trading status, issues that have already divided his party. His latest public approval rating registered a mere 26 per cent — half that of Mr Clinton — and several conservative publications have called openly for a replacement.

## Brazil's brutal police caught on video

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI  
IN RIO DE JANEIRO

VIDEOTAPE footage of Brazilian police beating and executing civilians in slums in São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro has provided visual evidence of a brutality that human rights organisations have condemned for years.

The scenes, shown on every news bulletin for the past week, have forced the authorities to take punitive measures against a force widely known to be heavy-handed and corrupt. President Cardoso, keen on "cleaning up" his country's poor human rights record, yesterday set up a

Secretariat of Human Rights to investigate atrocities. "The policemen shown in the videos will receive exemplary punishment," he said.

Six military policemen were arrested in Rio on Tuesday after Globo TV aired footage of an amateur cameraman that showed them torturing 11 people in the Cidade de Deus shantytown. Filmed at 4am on March 23, it shows men armed with automatic machineguns forcing victims against a wall and beating them with batons and belts.

The Rio tape also shows two officers, including Major Álvaro Rodrigues Garcia, who was in command, forcing two

teenage girls to strip. The video was shown a week after a tape appeared on television news showing nine São Paulo military policemen stopping cars at random in Diadema. They then robbed and beat three men, killing one.

This week Brazilian police were condemned in a report by Human Rights Watch, the American organisation, for "torturing and frequently executing civilians". It listed 30 cases of extra-judicial killings, hundreds of "disappearances" and numerous beatings — all reported in the first months of this year.

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## 'Real war' breaks out in Hebron

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER  
IN HEBRON

VIOLENCE erupted for the second successive day in this West Bank city, leaving 31 Palestinians wounded and underscoring the failure of the latest American effort to revive the peace process.

Battles were fought between Palestinians and Israelis as thousands of protesters vowed to take revenge after an emotional funeral for an Arab killed on Tuesday.

Slogans such as "residents of Hebron, go out and fight the settler dogs" and "there is no replacement for Hamas (the Islamic Resistance Movement)" were shouted as the Palestinians, armed with slingshots and firebombs, fought an unequal struggle against Israeli rubber bullets and teargas. One Israeli officer said: "It is a real war."

## Kennedy's ex-wife accuses Vatican

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

JOSEPH KENNEDY, son of Robert Kennedy, the assassinated former US Attorney-General, faces disclosures about his private life in a book written by his former wife.

Mr Kennedy, 44, a Roman

Catholic, was last October granted an annulment by the Vatican of his 12-year marriage to Sheila Rauch, a Protestant.

The former Mrs Kennedy is angry that the Church effectively "said that the marriage never truly existed in the first place".

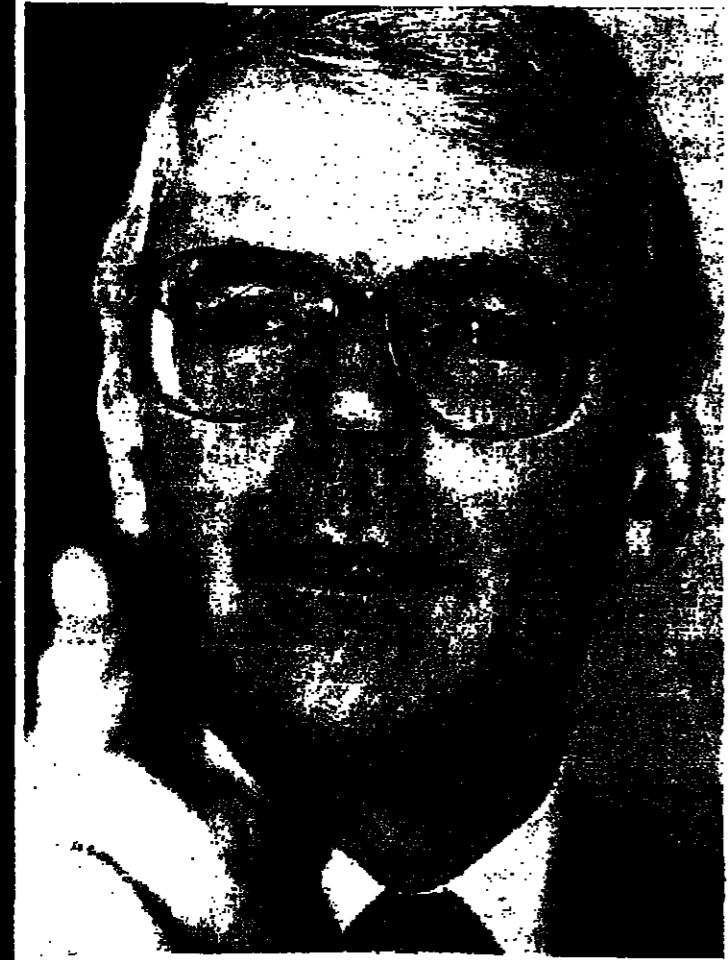
Such is her "rage" that she is publishing *Shattered Faith: A Woman's Struggle to Stop the Catholic Church from Annuling her Marriage*. The book is expected to describe how the Kennedys got the Church to do their bidding.

The couple married in 1979 and divorced 12 years later. In 1993 Mr Kennedy married Beth Kelly, a former aide. As a result of the annulment, granted on the basis that Mr Kennedy did not show "due discretion" when he married, Mr Kennedy can now join fully in the life of the Church.

Mr Kennedy's first wife

Kennedy: annulment enraged first wife

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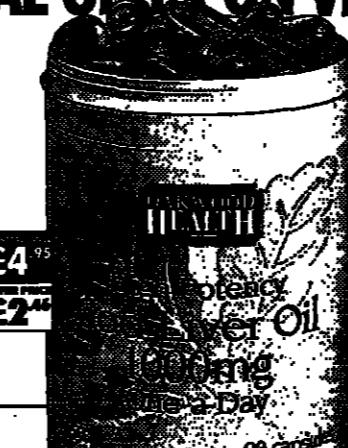


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# New Hong Kong leaders plan curbs on parties and protests

FROM CATHERINE FIELD IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG'S pro-democracy leaders and human rights monitors reacted with dismay yesterday after the government-in-waiting unveiled plans to rein in political parties and tighten police control over street protests.

The proposed changes to civil liberties laws will prohibit political groups from having links with or accepting advice from foreign organisations and ban party members from soliciting or accepting funds abroad. The changes will also mean that political parties will have to obtain approval from the authorities to operate and the police will have power to refuse applications for political protests.

Under the proposed laws, political parties could be banned if they are deemed to breach, among other things, "national security" and "public safety". Organisers of demonstrations of more than 30 people will have to apply seven days in advance and receive police approval.

The proposal constitutes a further deprivation of basic human rights now enjoyed in Hong Kong, Albert Ho, a Democratic Party legislator, said. Beijing's first aim, he said, was to outlaw his party and the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of the Patriotic Movement in China, a group that backs China's pro-democracy movement. The Democratic Party is the biggest political group in Hong Kong.

The Democratic Party and

the alliance will be targeted first. But I am afraid more international groups and local groups will be targeted afterwards," Mr Ho said.

The proposals come after a high-profile fundraising trip to the United States and Canada by Democratic Party legislators. The party raised more than £184,000 during the 18-day tour.

The ban on links abroad could also be used against organisations with affiliations to the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and pressure groups. Amnesty International condemned the proposals.

The changes to the Societies and Public Order Ordinances come in the wake of a resolution by China's parliament, the National People's Congress (NPC), that Hong Kong's liberal civil liberties laws could not be adopted into the territory's statutes after the handover. The proposals had been sketched by Tung Chee-hwa, the Chief Executive designate, with China's backing.

An official of the incoming government issued a warning that the territory's long-running stability and prosperity made it "easy to forget that being a small and open economy, Hong Kong is extremely vulnerable to external forces". Links with Taiwan would also be banned if the law were introduced unaltered.

Emily Lau, a pro-democracy legislator, condemned proposals to force organisations to seek police approval for demonstrations and feared the laws could prevent people airing grievances on government policy. "Tung is talking about striking the right balance, but many Hong Kong people would argue that we already have the right balance."

Chris Patten, the Governor, last night challenged his post-handover successor to assert Hong Kong's right to autonomy and not bow to pressure from China. "The NPC is an important body but the NPC is not Moses bringing the tablets down from the top of the mountain," Mr Patten said.



Tung: accused of bowing to pressure from Beijing

## Japanese nuclear site raided after cover-up

FROM ROBERT WHITMANT  
IN TOKYO

GOVERNMENT investigators yesterday raided a nuclear fuel reprocessing company after it emerged that officials had concealed the truth about Japan's worst nuclear accident.

The raid was ordered by Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Prime Minister, infuriated that the state-run Power Reactor and Nuclear Fuel Development Corporation, or Denon, had instigated a cover-up for the second time in 18 months.

"I am so angry," the visibly irritated Prime Minister said. "I don't want to hear the word Denon. We will get outside consultants to conduct a full investigation."

Officials of Denon, which manages the reprocessing of nuclear fuel, have admitted that they falsified a report about a fire and explosion on March 11 at the Tokaimura nuclear complex, 100 miles northeast of Tokyo. Thirty-seven workers were exposed to radiation in the accident, which occurred in a bituminous plant where low-level nuclear waste is mixed with asphalt for storage in drums.

The official Denon report, on March 21, said staff at the plant visually confirmed that the fire had been extinguished. Nine hours later the blaze flared up again, causing an explosion that leaked radiation into the atmosphere.

Yesterday Denon executives admitted that nobody had confirmed that the fire had been put out. "We knew it was untrue, but we thought it impossible to change the report once it was made official," Osamu Yamamuro, head of the Tokaimura plant, said. "This incident filled me with shame." The Tokaimura plant has been closed indefinitely.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Iraq breaks ban to fly pilgrims

Nicosia: Iraq violated a seven-year-old United Nations air embargo for the first time yesterday when it allowed a plane carrying 104 pilgrims to Mecca to fly to Saudi Arabia (Michael Theodoulou writes). The kingdom feels duty-bound to welcome all pilgrims, although it backed the embargo.

**Poorest region**  
Islamabad: South Asia is the poorest and most illiterate region in the world, yet its governments use scarce resources to buy weapons instead of alleviating poverty, a UN report says. (AP)

**Vietnam bomb**  
Hanoi: A cluster bomb left over from the Vietnam War, which ended in 1975, killed seven children and injured 34 when it exploded as they left school in the northern province of Nghe An. (AFP)

**Nigeria 'lawless'**  
Geneva: UN rights investigators said Nigeria's rule of law was near collapse and urged the Government to halt extra-judicial killings and arbitrary arrests, and to free political prisoners. (Reuters)

**Coining it in**  
New York: An 1804 silver dollar, one of only 15 known to exist, has sold at auction for a record \$1.8 million (£1.1 million). The coin was owned by Louis E. Eliasberg, a financier who died in 1976. (AP)

**Dying for help**  
Beijing: A shepherd who found a protected snow leopard killing his flock left it for six days. By the time help arrived in Taxkorgan, Xinjiang province, 20 sheep had been eaten. (AFP)



Students leave their classes at Dhaka University yesterday to rejoice at Bangladesh's semi-final victory in the ICC tournament in Kuala Lumpur

One killed as cricket fans mark victory

FROM REUTER  
IN DHAKA

AT LEAST one man was killed in violence set off by Bangladeshi cricket fans celebrating the national team's semi-final win over Scotland yesterday in the International Cricket Conference's tournament in Malaysia.

Police said the unidentified man was fatally stabbed after he sprayed coloured water on passers-by in the Farmgate area of Dhaka.

More than 100 people were injured after a series of firecracker explosions and clashes between revellers and protesters in Dhaka and the port city of Chittagong, police said. At least 170 "mad fans" were arrested in Dhaka alone. Witnesses said that girls caught up in the celebrations had to fend off enthusiastic boys chasing them.

"It's the biggest celebration since independence in 1971," said a journalist in the southern town of Khulna.

The final is on Saturday.

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**Dr Thomas Stuttaford**  
on support for cancer patients; treatment for loose teeth that acts like rooting powder in the garden; the side-effects of an epilepsy drug; taking temperatures through the ear

## Advice on cancer is just a call away

**D**espite improvements in the treatment of cancer of the ovary, and the partial protection against this disease provided by taking the Pill, the number of deaths from it has doubled since 1941. Fatal cases now outnumber the combined totals of cancer of the cervix (neck) and the body of the uterus combined.

The causes of cancer of the ovary are unknown, but they are more common in those whose ovulation has not been suppressed by pregnancies or the Pill. The longer a woman ovulates, the slightly greater is the risk of cancer of the ovary. The incidence is increased if periods start early or the menopause late.

**Family history** of cancer of the ovary, breast or endometrium (lining of the womb) accounts for one per cent of patients who develop ovarian cancer. If a woman has two close relatives with cancer of the ovary, she has a 40 per cent chance of developing it, too. This cancer is most common between the ages of 45-70, but 50 per cent of those with a family history develop it before they are 50.

The late Dr Vicky Clement-Jones and Susan Daniel, an opera singer, are exceptions to the rule as they were among the 3 per cent of patients who have cancer of the ovary diagnosed while they are under the age of 35.

Dr Clement-Jones already had a double first from Cambridge when she went to St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, for clinical training. She was a senior registrar in the department of endocrinology at Barts, and strongly tipped for an early professorship, when cancer was diagnosed. The tumour was well established when found but, despite this, she had two trouble-free

**Backup counsellors try to allay patients' fears**

years. Cancer of the ovary is insidious and is usually detected only when it is large enough to cause abdominal pain and distension and after screening with ultrasound. The detection of chemical markers in the blood are being developed.

When the cancer returned, Dr Clement-Jones realised that she no longer wanted to follow the traditional academic path. The cancer had provided her with a new goal. As a patient, she had discovered that the amount of advice provided by even the most helpful doctors and nurses was inadequate to answer all the questions that cancer patients want to ask. Many worries struck patients only after they had returned home from a visit to the clinic and the anxiety would remain until their next appointment.

Dr Clement-Jones decided to start an organisation which would supplement the support provided by doctors. The organisation, Backup, was to be staffed by full-time nurses who had

specialised in the treatment of cancer, and they would reply by telephone or letter to patients' queries.

The nurses had access to 200 doctors who were skilled in treating cancer and were prepared to spend time with them discussing the problems of any particular patient. The third arm of the organisation was to provide counsellors who would be prepared to give long consultations, if necessary to relieve a patient's fears. Backup, which is supported almost entirely by voluntary donations, now flourishes.

In Dr Clement-Jones's last few months of life, she met Susan Daniel, who had recovered from cancer of the ovary in 1970 only later to develop a tumour of the endometrium. Susan



Susan Daniel is so grateful for the help she received from Backup that she is performing at the organisation's charity recital

was first alerted to the ovarian cancer when she began to develop lower abdominal pain and noticed that her girth was increasing. By the time of surgery her waistband was 54 in and when the surgeon removed both ovaries, which were cancerous, he drained away 14 pints of fluid. Susan's recovery was uneventful but in 1984 she was found to have an endometrial tumour. (There is a link between cancer of the ovary and of the endometrium.)

Once again Susan has made a complete recovery and is unlikely to have any further trouble. When she met Dr Clement-Jones she promised that she would do all she could to repay

the help she had received from Backup. Christie's, the auctioneers, is supporting Backup by subsidising a charity recital in its aid, which will be given in its Great Rooms in St James's. Susan will honour her commitment to Dr Clement-Jones by singing at the recital on April 21.

Each year Backup advises more than 100,000 people who have used its freephone helpline (0800 181 999), which is open from 9.00am to 7.00pm Monday to Friday.

• Tickets (£50) for the Backup recital on April 21 may be obtained from Backup, 3 Barb Place, Rivington St, London EC2A 3JR (0171-696-9003).

IT can be difficult to take the temperature of a young child, the very old or those who are delirious, comatose or unconscious. In these groups an accurate reading can be made only by inserting the thermometer into the rectum; underarm temperatures are unreliable, and suggesting that a child, or a demented adult, might put a thermometer under the tongue causes obvious problems.

But however useful rectal temperature taking is, it does

### Epilepsy drug warning

MORE than 800,000 patients have been treated for epilepsy with Lamotrigine (Lamictal). It has a broad spectrum of action, and is effective for a wide variety of seizures.

Lamictal causes less tiredness than older anti-epileptic drugs, and is therefore useful to those who need to concentrate. Also, it does not cause unwanted hair growth in women, and it doesn't interfere with the Pill.

However, no drug is without side-effects and although Lamictal largely avoids the problem of excessive tiredness experienced by those taking older treatments, it has its own particular side-effects, which were highlighted in press reports last week.

Monitoring of these effects has shown that the incidence of serious skin reactions is more common than had been thought, although the increase applies only when the drug is used in the treatment of children under 12.

In young children the numbers at risk from severe skin troubles may be between one in 100 and one in 300. The estimated risk for adults remains unchanged at one in 1,000. The treatment is particularly likely to cause trouble when combined with other drugs as an "add-on" preparation, or when the doctor has recommended that an above normal sized dose is used.

### Lend me your ear...

raise the question as to whether *E. coli* 157 bacteria, or anything else which might contaminate the instrument, are really killed by dipping it into methylated spirits.

The ear hole has the advantage of being rather cleaner than the other orifices used, it is dry, and by using it the risk of bowel perforation, which has happened in tracheal patients, is avoided.

### More help is on the way for migraine sufferers

THE competition between pharmaceutical firms to treat the six million British people who have migraine is hotting up.

Recently a nasal spray preparation of Imitram, which acts more quickly than tablets, has been introduced by Glaxo. This week Zeneca, previously ICI, has launched Zomig zolmitriptan tablets.

Zeneca claims that Zomig is effective if taken at any time during a migraine attack and that as well as relieving headache it usually relieves the patients of other symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting and visual disturbances.

As well as Imitram, it can cause tightness in the chest and throat, but there is no evidence that this is cardiac pain. Even so, it is not



Pain like this can be treated

recommended for those with coronary heart disease, or in patients with some forms of arrhythmia.

It is rumoured that before the end of the year there will be two or three other anti-migraine products available on prescription by their doctors for patients.

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## The root of the problem

**A** new dental treatment is being introduced from Sweden which promises to perform the same function for dentists treating teeth loosened by old age or gum disease as rooting powder does for the gardener when he dips the end of a cutting into it before planting. Endogain, a protein which stimulates the same process which binds the teeth of babies to the jaw.

The shape of the lower jaw is changing. The strong firm lines of the hero in a Bulldog Drummond film are less common in this generation than in the last and progressively, as the years pass, jaws are now being developed which would better suit characters from P.G. Wodehouse. It is to be expected that being a chinless wonder limits sex appeal, but less obviously it also has an effect on the health of the teeth and gums.

Although jaws are becoming lighter and more delicate the teeth seem as strong and large, possibly even larger, than previously. The mouth is therefore overcrowded and one of the casualties of this are the wisdom teeth.

The high incidence of impacted wisdom teeth in the present generation which need treatment is, according to research work from the celebrated Karolinska Institute at the University of Stockholm, part of the evidence that the strength of the jaw is changing. The impaction of the wisdom teeth is frequently the start of a persistently infected gum in late adolescence and early adult life.

However powerful the jaw is in youth, in old age it suffers from osteoporosis just as much as other bones, and as it



does so, the jawbone shrinks away from the teeth. As the jawbone shrinks gaps appear around the teeth and into these pockets epithelium grows, food collects and a chronic infective state is induced. The bleeding soggy gums increase the looseness of the tooth which in time may fall out, thereby confirming Shakespeare's description in *As You Like It* of old age as being sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste and sans everything.

Dentists have traditionally seen the infected gum with pockets forming around the tooth as the primary cause of loose teeth and have recommended a variety of remedial measures. Many doctors on the other hand think of the diseased gum as a secondary symptom of underlying bone loss, or malformation, and regard it as the fundamental

cause of the infection, and hence the insecure teeth.

Endogain the protein which stimulates tooth detachment, has been prepared from animal, but not bovine, sources. The application of Endogain to the root results in regeneration of all the tissues around the tooth root. The acellular cementum, the covering of the tooth root is given new life and collagen fibres thereafter extend from it into the newly regenerated bone around the tooth socket. The process once again makes tooth fast within the jawbone.

Endogain is easy to use. After it has been decided the case is suitable, a flap of gum is raised, the area around the tooth and the root gently cleaned and the gel applied to the clean blood and saliva root surface. The wound heals remarkably quickly. Patients notice the improvement with their teeth within a month, within six months this improvement can be demonstrated on x-rays and within 16 months, two-thirds of the looseness has been redressed. Within three years 70 per cent of the lost attachment has been regained.

Not all gum diseases has its origins in osteoporosis, or overcrowded wisdom teeth in feeble jaws. A lack of dental hygiene in youth, whether its inadequate cleaning or failure to have fillings done on time by the dentist, accounts for a significant proportion of cases.

Some drugs will also cause gum hyperplasia which makes them soggy. One new hypotensive drug, a calcium-channel blocker used to treat high blood pressure, also induces soft spongy receding gums, which are vulnerable to infection.

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# Morals are made in the classroom

George Carey says the debate about values must now move on

**T**rust has suddenly become a significant electoral word — and properly so. Behind it stands a vocabulary of moral terms that enrich the notion of trust: honesty, goodness, reliability, faithfulness and honour. This is a vocabulary to be claimed not only by politicians but by all of us. As the Chief Rabbi has put it, you cannot express yourself as a moral and spiritual person if you do not have a spiritual or moral language.

Yet our society has become morally reticent, even inarticulate. The main culprit is the popular cultural assumption that to try to define something as good and right in an absolute sense is an unwarranted and potentially oppressive incursion into a domain which should be purely private. According to this view, what is right is simply a matter of individual opinion.

Yet most of us recognise that no society can survive for long unless it is held together by standards that transcend the individual. Values and morals are social, not merely individual. They need careful nurture and a continuous process of modelling, discussion and internalisation across the generations. And, without values such as trust, honesty, justice and peace, there can be no individual liberty, because there can be no orderly society within which individuals can grow and express themselves in interdependence with others. If the citizens of a country do not internalise the responsibility to behave fairly and peacefully towards other people, there is no external power on earth that can secure peace and justice. And in my experience, the vast majority of people, even if they articulate the cultural assumption that morality is a purely private affair, actually have strong beliefs about some things that are absolutely good and others that are absolutely evil.

Here, let me make an important distinction. As a society we do not agree on one single source of authority which legitimises the values we hold in common. But this is a fundamentally different proposition from saying that we have no shared values any more.

I am wary about discussing any one subject as a symbolic totem. I am, however, aware of controversy about the treatment of marriage in the report. The document says that we should support families to be good citizens and good neighbours, not just stuffed heads and effective contributors to the economy.

The time has come to stop arguing about words

in raising children and caring for dependents; we should support the institution of marriage; and we should recognise that the love and commitment required for a secure and happy childhood was also once a prosperous trading city of the British Empire.

I and many others would not doubt want to make additional and stronger points if we were setting out our own full beliefs, but I have no difficulty in accepting the statement of the forum as a consensus that exists now.

The specific mention of support for the institution of marriage can be translated into a great deal of new thinking and classroom work about marriage: why it is important, what it needs in order to flourish and what people entering marriage need to think about. I believe that the time has come to stop arguing about particular words in the statement and to move on to the vital task of considering what the implications of the words are for the curriculum, activities and ethos of schools.

I want to emphasise that the development of such a considerable consensus on shared values is a major step forward in empowering schools. We need these values to be transmitted confidently and positively. In a society disfigured by widespread moral confusion and false theories of privatised morality, that is a most significant prize.

The Archbishop of Canterbury will speak on values and the curriculum at the London Institute of Education today.



# Who's colonising whom?

Hong Kong could tip the balance in favour of China's modernisers

property billionaires. A billion dollars can usually look after itself.

The Governor, Chris Patten, is amazingly popular with the ordinary people, and pretty unpopular with most of the billionaires. The rich businessmen think that he ought to have done much more to conciliate China. Their assets have multiplied while he has been Governor, but the tycoons feel they might have been endangered. Recent opinion polls have shown that the ordinary people feel that the Governor has fought for them — his diplomatic critics dismiss that as "populism". A recent poll showed that the outgoing Governor Patten is more popular than the incoming Chief Executive Tung. A special survey taken as part of an academic study of the handover has shown that the outgoing government currently has a 71 per cent approval rating.

Last Sunday evening I was returning by cab from an informal dinner at Government House. The Chinese driver expressed his feeling of nostalgia at the ending of British rule in Hong Kong. "The golden time is past," he said. "He has been a good Governor. His government has been a good government, even when it has been wrong. The old government may have been more polite to China, but they never got anything done."

The pity is that Britain left the Patten policy so late. For that earlier failure of political imagination, cooler and more élitist officials must take the responsibility.

It is probable that the economic optimism of Hong Kong will continue to be justified. The Chinese economy has been growing at a rate close to 10 per cent a year for the past 15 years. Since 1990 it has quadrupled again by about 2015, by which time China will have become one of the world's two or three economic superpowers. The next two decades will probably see a similar multiplication of the wealth of Hong Kong. Hong Kong's commercial and financial growth is not over; it will only slow

down when China becomes a fully mature industrial economy. Even political problems are unlikely to interrupt this economic growth.

This will however be political problems in Hong Kong itself, apart from the much greater issues of the political development of China. The transfer of sovereignty will immediately reduce the existing freedoms. No fewer than 25 changes will be made to the four main pieces of legislation which cover the registration of societies, public order, human rights and subversion. The democratic parties are opposed to these amendments. There is a risk of demonstrations against the changes, but if people gather without a permit after July 1, they will be liable to be arrested.

The people of Hong Kong want to extend democracy, but the Chinese Government wants to exercise political control.

The political development of China will decide the political future of Hong Kong. There is evidence in favour of an optimistic view. On Monday evening I was seated next to a young American woman who had spent the previous weekend in Beijing meeting Chinese students of her own age. She told me that she was surprised and delighted by their openness and friendliness towards the West. She said that they were very enthusiastic about the return of Hong Kong to China, because they saw Hong Kong as a powerful influence in the modernisation of their country.

Pro-Chinese politicians in Hong Kong make much the same case for optimism. They say that China is already being run at the executive level by young administrators and managers who have been trained either in the United States or by people who have themselves been educated there. This generation is content to let the older generation run its course, but it has its own model of modernisation. People talk of this process rather as one might feel about old and new Labour, with the younger Chinese waiting for the old men to retire so that they can

My own hope is that the influence of Hong Kong will tip the balance in favour of genuine political modernisation. Hong Kong has, after all, already become modern. The people of Hong Kong understand the relationship between political freedom and a modern economic society. Hong Kong already has its network of relationships with the coming generation in China, and could be the model for the necessary next stage of Chinese development.

Not only for China. The Hong Kong model, with its freedom and encouragement of business, has much to offer Britain and the rest of Europe. If the present decline of the European Union is to be reversed, Hong Kong is probably the best example of a successful modern society. Yet the modernisation of Europe is becoming almost as big an issue as the modernisation of China.

Of course Hong Kong is different from anywhere else, but the principles that have been so successful are the same everywhere, and where they have been applied they have worked. Low taxes, high savings, responsibility, good health and education services, but at low cost, with small government, light regulation, liberty and law, a constant attack on corruption, free markets and incentives to work — these are the Adam Smith virtues. The great hope is they will inspire China. At least one can say that the last British Governor of Hong Kong has been a loyal advocate of the Hong Kong principles.

Next, the Countercheck Quarrelsome. This is usually to be seen at Labour's press conference when some hostile newspaper, usually *The Daily Telegraph*, comes up with an inconvenient question. "Ah, the brief from Central Office," Peter Mandelson will say, as he deflects the point. Or he will, even more insultingly, to "Mr Robert Stogey" when that paper's political editor, Robert Shrimley, has the temerity to raise his hand. This kind of pre-emptive move raises a doubt about the objectivity of the journalist and wins a laugh at the same time. And laughter is the most useful weapon in the hands of an experienced obfuscator.

The Lie with Circumstance and the Lie Direct are the most dangerous of the lot, if only because they can be, and sometimes are, exposed. They are to be used sparingly. The former can generally be spotted when the tell-tale phrase "if resources allow" is tacked on to an election promise. When asked whether this is not a way of dodging a commitment, the politician turns to his standard reply:

"But you would not expect us to be so irresponsible as to promise something unless we were certain we could pay for it." Thus the promise remains, though it need not necessarily be fulfilled. The Lie Direct, of course,

is used by every single politician who promises to hold taxes down and knows perfectly well that he will not.

But he knows too that he is protected,

by Touchstone's "if," which means — if elected, if things change, if forced

by circumstance.

I durst go no further than the Lie

Circumstantial, nor he durst not give me the Lie Direct," says Touchstone; "and so we measured swords and parted."

**Mr W.S.'s election lie guide**  
Magnus Linklater  
on how to catch the  
scurvy politicians

Here is a checklist for anyone still following the daily jousts between candidates and the media, as the politicians twist and turn to conceal their weaknesses and to vilify their opponents. Touchstone would instantly recognise the type. In *As You Like It*, he ticked them off to perfection: "I will name the degrees. The first, the Retort Courteous; the second, the Quip Modest; the third, the Reply Churlish; the fourth, the Reproof Valiant; the fifth, the Countercheck Quarrelsome; the sixth, the Lie with Circumstance; the seventh, the Lie Direct. All these you may avoid, but the Lie Direct; and you may avoid that too, with an if."

They have all been on display. The Retort Courteous is the one given by the politician caught by a tricky question which attempts to pin him down on the cost of some measure. It involves referring the questioner to a previous answer, preferably buried in a document published some time ago and which may not quite address the point raised. By the time the document is located and the matter looked up, the moment will have passed. "We've got an independent consultant's report on that," said a Scottish Nationalist yesterday. "It was published 18 months ago and we're happy to distribute it to you." Whether it addressed the matter or not was never pursued. Even if it had been, I wonder whether we would have been any the wiser.

The Quip Modest is that tell-tale chuckle and the shake of the head which says, "Oh no, not that old chestnut, don't tell me you've been taken in by it again, when will you press chappies ever learn?" It is usually enough to get everyone else on the platform joining in disbeliefing laughter as they search desperately for the answer. Michael Heseltine is the best practitioner, because that baffled shake of the tawny locks as he considers the naivety of the question conceals the fact that what comes out in reply is more often political invective than a direct response.

The Reply Churlish turns a perfectly reasonable point back against the questioner, implying that some deviant political motive renders the issue irrelevant. Robin Cook was up to it yesterday on Radio 4's phone-in when he twice rebuked a listener for asking whether new Labour might have a hidden left-wing programme. That, he pointed out, was a typically loaded question bearing all the hallmarks of a Tory plant. He never got round to addressing the point itself, but simply left the impression that those who had raised it were mere paid propagandists. I doubt if he won many votes, but he certainly avoided the question.

The Reproof Valiant indicates that the question posed reveals woeful ignorance. Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, who has a nice line in lopsided grins and teasing innuendo, used it on Tuesday when he was asked whether his proposal to increase the rates burden for large firms in order to reduce the bill for small businesses did not amount to a socialist measure. "It's very difficult to know what a socialist measure is these days," he sighed. This, however, was certainly not one. Since we had plainly failed to grasp the point, he spelt it out. The scheme was a "self-financing" measure which would not cost the taxpayer any more. So there was no question of redistributing wealth, since public funds were not involved. His audience, exposed as economically illiterate, was left to flounder as he moved briskly on.

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When asked whether this is not a way of

# Crossroads

LORD MENUHIN and the Duke of Westminster have notched up a momentous victory against traffic planners in London's Belgravia. They have persuaded Westminster Council to reconsider a plan to drive an arterial road through their back-gardens.

The two peers have for many months been leading a campaign on behalf of the best-heeled "Nimby" pressure group in the land, with members ranging from Lord Lloyd-Webber to Baroness Thatcher and Tony Rowland.

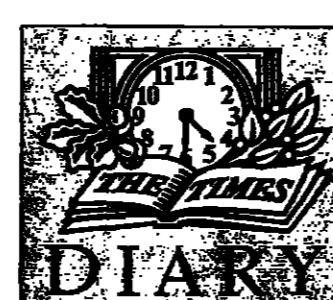
Though hardly a bunch of Swampy-style subversives, they were moved to protest when the council endorsed a plan to turn a road running through those grand addresses Chester Square and Eaton Square into a "red route" — one of the main roads for traffic into and out of London.

On Tuesday night, however, the council capitulated and agreed to spend £90,000 investigating an alternative possibility, re-routing the traffic away from the stuccoed residences of the well-to-do, some of which have sold for more than £10 million.

The Belgravia Residents' Association is cracking open its vintage

bubbly. "For the first time we have got a commitment out of Westminster Council," says Jonathan Scott-Barrett of the association. "Yehudi Menuhin has been passionate about the campaign. Everybody here will have a better quality of life."

Clare Short was sympathetic when she visited the East Leeds Women's Workshops yesterday. The workshops had all their



## Capital

HAIRY coats and cigarette-holders will be on parade at the weekend for the first visit to London of Aleksandr Lebed, Russia's exotic former security chief. On Friday evening he will turn to the bosom of capitalism and attend a private dinner hosted by Robert Fleming's bank. On Saturday, he attends an economic conference at the Dorchester, where he will be introduced by the world chess champion Garry Kasparov. And he is also expected to show up at a meeting of the European Bank for Re-

construction and Development. Over at the Russian Embassy, the lugubrious press officer, Boris Malakhov, sounds unimpressed: "I'm sure he'll pop in, but it's nothing to do with us." Perhaps he should head up towards Trafalgar and stand as an Independent Bolshhevik candidate.

As stunts go, this could prove a chilly one: 25 women are planning to walk the Flora London Marathon wearing nothing but a Wonderbra above the waist. The bras have been custom-made to designs



Lebed: hairy

by well-known names such as Gary Lineker, the Spice Girls and Lennox Lewis. Richard Branson's contribution to the gimmick to raise funds for Breakthrough Breast Cancer ranks as the most childish: a large hot air balloon attached to each cup.

## Tall story

THERE is a nasty air in Hammermith, where Tories have been putting it around that the Labour candidate, Ian Colman, is a sex industry heir. He is being described as a real Paul Raymond. "There is absolutely no truth in this whatsoever," says a flushed Colman. But did his father not make a fortune from the Ann Summers sex toy business? "He worked for them for a while ten or fifteen years ago, that's all. This whole story is a cheap smear."

## Girl talk

MARLENE DIETRICH'S family are upset by the musical about the singer which opened at the Lyric Theatre in London on Tuesday night. In *Marlene*, Sian Phillips puts in an impressive turn as the dew-eyed chanteuse, while Lou Gieh plays her female sidekick, Vivian Hoffman. In portraying



Marlene: ripped off

this relationship, the show implies that Dietrich was more gander than goose behind closed doors.

Peter Riva, Dietrich's grandson, is disappointed. "They have to make something salacious to sell the tickets," he says from New York. He adds that the show is yet another commercial venture which "rips off my grandmother's original material. We get a little hacked off with it in the end."

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"Samaritans?"

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## ENDANGERED SPECIES

Harrogate, Rochdale and a stronger Parliament

Separated by rather more than the Pennines, the constituencies of Harrogate and Rochdale would not seem to share much in common. The former is a grand and genteel Victorian spa venue more akin to Bath or Cheltenham than neighbouring Leeds and Bradford. The latter is a tough former textile town that came of age in the Industrial Revolution. But both have it within their power to endorse or dismiss two different and distinctive voices in British politics.

Over the remaining weeks *The Times* will seek to identify certain individual candidates who can make an unusual contribution to the next House of Commons. On the whole they will be dissident figures within their respective parties. While we may not necessarily agree with the views they propagate we do believe that what they stand for is important. Their election would benefit both constituency and country.

Norman Lamont and Liz Lynne are as different as the territory they are fighting. Mr Lamont has already been an MP for a quarter-century and held high office. Ms Lynne won her seat for the Liberal Democrats at the last election and is unlikely ever to serve as a frontbencher. Mr Lamont, whose Kingston seat was abolished by the boundary commissioners, faces a vigorous Liberal Democrat challenge. Ms Lynne, also a southerner, has the Labour Party breathing down her neck.

The most fundamental issue confronting the next Parliament is Europe. Its most obvious aspect is the introduction or not of a single currency. That is only part of a complicated picture. The whole character of the European Union, and Britain's relationship with it, will be determined by decisions made in the next five years. Mr Lamont was the first senior politician to suggest that present arrangements might be unsustainable. He has, braving criticism from above, been the most intelligent and articulate figure suggesting that fundamental renegotiation or outright withdrawal are options worthy of consideration.

Even if the Government is re-elected,

events will ensure that this view becomes part of the mainstream agenda. If the Tories go into opposition it could well become an orthodoxy. It can be put either in a rational and considered fashion or as a narrow-minded nationalism. Mr Lamont's continued presence in the Commons would help steer the Conservative debate in the right direction. The people of Yorkshire have always been of independent character and have consistently fought to maintain the special character of their county. That same spirit should lead their sympathies and support towards the former Chancellor.

Liz Lynne is also an unusual politician. A former actress and speech consultant she was given little chance of retaining a seat that Cyril Smith had previously held by force of personal character. To universal surprise she proved blessed with the tenacious qualities of her predecessor. A non-conformist in every sense she fought a ceaseless campaign against socialism. She represents an earthy, almost extinct, urban Liberalism more concerned with bread-and-butter issues than constitutional innovation.

Ms Lynne has been a thorough nuisance to Paddy Ashdown. She declines to buckle to the comfortable consensus that now exists between Labour and the Liberal Democrats. She has constantly frustrated closer cooperation between them. If the likes of Lord Jenkins had their way, the Liberals would represent little more than the public sector middle class and proportional representation. That would not reflect much credit on the purported party of pluralism. Ms Lynne personifies a robust dissent that should be welcome at Westminster.

Parliament would benefit from the triumph of this odd couple. Their defeat would impoverish the quality of debate and strengthen the already excessive power of party managers. If present polls are right both of these candidates could prove electorally endangered species. The residents of Harrogate and Rochdale would serve the rest of us well if they extended them some protection.

### Negotiations on the TV debate

From Mr Michael Dobbs

Sir, last night's *Panorama* broadcast, Mr Blair said of the negotiations for a television debate that "what happened in those negotiations were (sic) that the moment it looked as if the negotiations were about to succeed, they (the Conservatives) pulled out."

It was the Labour Party alone which pulled out of negotiations. The *Guardian* headline of March 28 said: "Labour halts TV debate". *The Sun* on the same day said: "Labour call off debate". Austin Mitchell, one of Mr Blair's own MPs, described him in *The Sunday Times* of March 30 as engagin in "a quick crawl backwards".

The events of the afternoon of Labour's withdrawal are instructive, and cut through Mr Blair's mischievous and inaccurate nonsense.

On March 27 ITV sent all three parties a fax which stated that it was confident that its proposal "represents the basis for a very successful and compelling series of two 90-minute programmes". It offered further elaboration on its proposal, emphasising that these were "suggestions which we believe could bring the negotiations to a speedier conclusion". Yet within four hours of receiving ITV's written proposal, Labour had walked away from the table.

No one in the Labour Party has yet been able to explain clearly why Labour suggests there is a problem over audience participation — but ITV's proposal includes audience participation. Labour also suggests that the proposals might be challenged in court — but the broadcasters submitted their proposals only after they had received clear legal opinion that they would withstand a challenge in court.

The broadcasters, who are politically neutral, believe their proposals to be both lawful and fair. Why doesn't Mr Blair?

Yours faithfully,  
MICHAEL DOBBS,  
Conservative Central Office,  
52 Smith Square, SW1.  
April 8.

### 'Best deal' for Britain

From the Shadow Foreign Secretary

Sir, It is a shame that the Foreign Office Minister, David Davis, used this week's Council of Ministers meeting in Noordwijk, the Netherlands, to indulge in cheap electioneering instead of arguing the case for Britain's EU chief plan to embrace Labour at Maastricht". report, April 8.

Anyone who thinks that Tony Blair is going to sell Britain out in Europe hasn't been paying attention for the last three years. He will go about the task of getting the best deal for Britain with the same determination he has shown in transforming the Labour Party.

We have made it clear that we regard the idea of an extra European summit in Maastricht in May as premature and would reject any attempts to force the pace of discussions. We will, of course, endeavour to reach agreement at the Amsterdam summit in June, but we will not sign up to any deal until we are satisfied that it reflects Britain's national interests.

Yours sincerely,  
ROBIN COOK,  
John Smith House,  
150 Walworth Road, SE17.  
April 8.

### Medical consent

From the Editor of the Bulletin of Medical Ethics

Sir, Lord Ashbourne and Mr Gerard Wright (letter, April 1) are right to complain at the lack of discussion of the Council of Europe's Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine. This was in part because circulation of early drafts was restricted by the British chairman of the drafting committee. They are wrong, however, to say that our law does not permit medical procedures, not designed to be of direct benefit to the recipient, to be performed on those unable to consent to them.

The Nuremberg Code — of principles for the ethical conduct of research on human subjects — was part of the judgment delivered 50 years ago at the trial of Nazi doctors engaged in horrific experiments. Its opening statement — "The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential — has never been subsumed into English law.

Instead a series of guidelines have been promulgated by bodies such as the Royal College of Physicians and the Medical Research Council, advising that medical research procedures of no benefit to a subject who cannot consent to them may be performed, provided they are of no more than minimal risk.

These guidelines have never been challenged in court. The most relevant case law is a decision of the House of Lords permitting blood to be taken from children in cases of disputed paternity, even though this invasive procedure is of no direct benefit to them.

On this issue, therefore, the new European convention does no more than reflect current UK practice.

Yours sincerely,

R. H. NICHOLSON,

Editor,  
Bulletin of Medical Ethics,

31 Corsica Street, NS.

April 2

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

### Martin Bell's candidature and Neil Hamilton's honour

From Mr Charles Pinder

Sir, Neil Hamilton is entitled to defend his honour and has a right to a presumption of innocence. However, he also stands as a candidate for a political party which needs more than ever to advocate its cause with vigour and clarity, and his difficulties are preventing the Conservatives from meeting that pressing need.

He should recognise that the electoral prospects of his party, and thus the prospects for the nation as a whole, are of much more importance than his own defence of his reputation.

He should withdraw his candidature, expose the diversionary manipulation of the Labour and Liberal Democrat parties and allow his party to fight on the real issues. He can clear his name after the election.

This would be a win for Mr Hamilton and a win for the Conservatives.

Yours faithfully,

C. M. PINDER,

The Corner, Easton,

Winchester, Hampshire.

April 9.

From Mr Jonathan Berman

Sir, A journalist as an anti-sleaze candidate? Neil Hamilton has achieved the impossible.

Yours faithfully,

JON BERMAN,

Ryeworth House, 61 Kidmore Road,

Caversham, Berkshire.

April 7.

From Mr Beverley Morgan

Sir, The brief confrontation between the Hamiltons and Martin Bell, as shown on television last evening, prompts me strongly to regret that

find himself under press suspicion within days".

Francis's life prior to his conversion was one of debauchery and revelling and, without doubt, would have proved very fertile territory for the scandalous appetites of today's press. I am confident that the electorate of Tatton will find that neither Neil Hamilton nor Martin Bell has a record to compare with that of the young Francis.

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Yours faithfully,

J. A. C. MARTIN,

Flat 15,

Royal Victoria Patriotic Building,

Fitzhugh Grove, SW1.

April 9.

Martin, whom we all admire, has given up his day job.

I am, yours faithfully,  
BEVERLEY MORGAN,  
9 Winterstoke Gardens,  
Mill Hill, NW7.

April 9.

From Mr J. Anthony C. Martin

Sir, I have long regretted the absence (since the abolition of the university seats) of independent Members of Parliament. With the candidature of Martin Bell, there is hope we may get one again. May the electors of Tatton return him with a splendid majority.

Yours faithfully,  
J. A. C. MARTIN,  
Flat 15,  
Royal Victoria Patriotic Building,  
Fitzhugh Grove, SW1.

April 9.

From Mr Dominic Afriat

Sir, I applaud Martin Bell's professed abhorrence of sleaze, but through his experience as a war correspondent did he not acquire a similar distaste for mob justice?

Yours sincerely,  
DOMINIC AFRIAT,  
3a Westland Close, Slough, Berkshire.

April 9.

### Local television

From the Chairman of Digital Television Network

Sir, I cannot agree with Brenda Madox that, with the launch of a nationally focused Channel 5, cable is now the "only hope" for local television ("The TV channel with a difference — predictability", Media and Marketing, April 3). Digital terrestrial television should also provide an opportunity to create a network of city-based local television stations.

If we are awarded the digital television licences by the ITC next month, then we will pilot such a local television service for Manchester. Having once established a workable model we then envisage rolling the concept out to cover Glasgow, Birmingham, Nottingham, Leeds/Bradford and many other cities and conurbations.

Local television is one of the key gaps in the British television mix. Such services, if well done, have the potential to enrich local communities, boost voluntary effort and make local government accessible and accountable.

ITV provides a good regional perspective, but there is room for services which are more locally focused and relevant. They can be made viable through a mixture of traditional advertising supported by interactive services and local, television-based, classified advertising.

We look to the ITC to make a decision which will realise the full potential of the new digital age through which local television should find its place in the sun.

Yours faithfully,  
JAMES GATWARD,  
Chairman,  
Digital Television Network,  
22 Suffolk Street, SW1.

April 3.

### Modern morality

From the Reverend Clive L. Rawlins

Sir, Lord Longford, in his letter published on April 7, is wrong to say that Mark and Luke describe Christ as placing adultery at the top of their list of sins: only Luke does so, and as the only non-Jewish writer in the New Testament we can put that down to unconcern over their order of listing — not ethical gradation: though we may wonder if Luke's well known sympathy towards women and children influenced him.

Even Mark, the earliest writer, does not use the traditional order (ie, of Exodus 20). He places murder first, as does Matthew, whom Lord Longford ignores. As every schoolboy used to know, adultery is the seventh commandment.

For Lord Longford to introduce "shamefulness" into this debate (praying the Archbishop of Canterbury in

aid) is surely unhelpful — and un-Christian. The New Testament calls for a change of mind (ie, repentance), not for the degrading of persons. But we should be careful to note that the New Testament itself introduces changes — eg, of the Sabbath, which is no longer an ordinance according to St Paul et al.

Yours sincerely,  
C. L. RAWLINS,  
25 Riverside Gardens,  
Musselburgh, Edinburgh.  
April 7.

From Mr Richard Benny

Sir, Of course adultery is worse than a homosexual relationship. It entails a broken promise and a victim, which the latter does not.

Yours faithfully,  
RICHARD BENNY,  
21 Tantallon Road, SW12.  
April 7.

President Clinton, before his first term in office, declared his intention to allow gays to serve in the United States Armed Forces. After his election, he visited ships of the United States fleet, talked to sailors, and changed his mind. The result in the United States is a courageous and honest compromise.

I hope that any future UK Defence Secretary will visit ships of our fleet and talk to sailors, before allowing gays to serve in conditions where their presence could, and quite likely would, lead to jealousy and friction in the mess decks, and a reduced morale and efficiency in the ships concerned.

Yours faithfully,  
RICHARD TURNER,  
5 Via Guido Reni, Bologna, Italy.  
April 3.

### National spirit

From Lord Daresbury

Sir, As chairman of Aintree racecourse, I should like to express the thanks of the board for the enormous support we have received over the staging of the Martell Grand National.

The presence of the Princess Royal and the Prime Minister at the re-scheduled race embodied the spirit and determination of the whole nation. The Merseyside Police and supporting authorities acted with great sensitivity and outstanding professionalism throughout, while the people of Merseyside demonstrated the sort of community spirit that is unbeatable. We at Aintree are deeply appreciative.

Yours sincerely,  
DARESBURY, Chairman,  
Aintree Racecourse Company Ltd,  
Aintree, Liverpool.  
April 8.

### Masonic membership

From Mr Nicholas Page

Sir, If the Freemasons (letters, April 8) are not a secret society, then why cannot Masonic lodges publish lists of members, as do many other clubs and societies? There would then be no need for MPs, judges and policemen to declare their membership.

Yours faithfully,  
NICHOLAS PAGE,  
215 Queens Road, SW19.  
April 8.

### School style

From Mr M. L. R. Isaac

Sir, When I was on the staff of Bristol Grammar School in the late 1950s (letter, April 7) a sixth former said to me after a visitor had left the room: "I knew he couldn't be a teacher. His shoes were polished."

Yours faithfully,  
M. L. R. ISAAC,  
Glebe House,  
Crowcombe, Taunton, Somerset.  
April 7.

### Bomb hoaxes





## NEWS

## Tories erode Labour poll lead

The election came alive for the first time last night as an opinion poll for *The Times* showed that the Conservatives have started to make big inroads into Labour's commanding lead.

The MORI poll, taken on Tuesday, puts the Tories on 34 per cent, up six points since last week, while Labour is down by a similar amount to 49 per cent. The Lib Dems are up a point at 12 per cent. Tony Blair's rating as the most capable Prime Minister has also dropped sharply. *Pages 1, 9-14, 12, 20, 21*

## Middle England's tax burden

Tax changes since 1992 are costing the average household £7 a week, an independent study by the Institute for Fiscal Studies concludes. Those earning between £15,000 and £20,000 a year and the "traditional" single-earning family have been among the biggest losers from the tax rises. *Page 1*

## Deer hunting ban

The National Trust is poised to ban deer hunting with hounds on its land after a two-year scientific study showed that the sport causes the animals unacceptable suffering. *Page 1, 6*

## Football fans policed

German police mounted a massive security operation as thousands of Manchester United fans converged on Dortmund for their team's Champions League semi-final. *Page 16*

## US lawyers expand

American law firms in a new competition drive with the big London law firms have taken or are looking for an extra 137,000 sq ft — three acres — of office space in the City. *Page 2*

## Tourist rape victim

An Austrian tourist in London was raped repeatedly by eight teenage boys and then thrown naked into a canal, an Old Bailey jury was told. *Page 15*

## Rail suicides

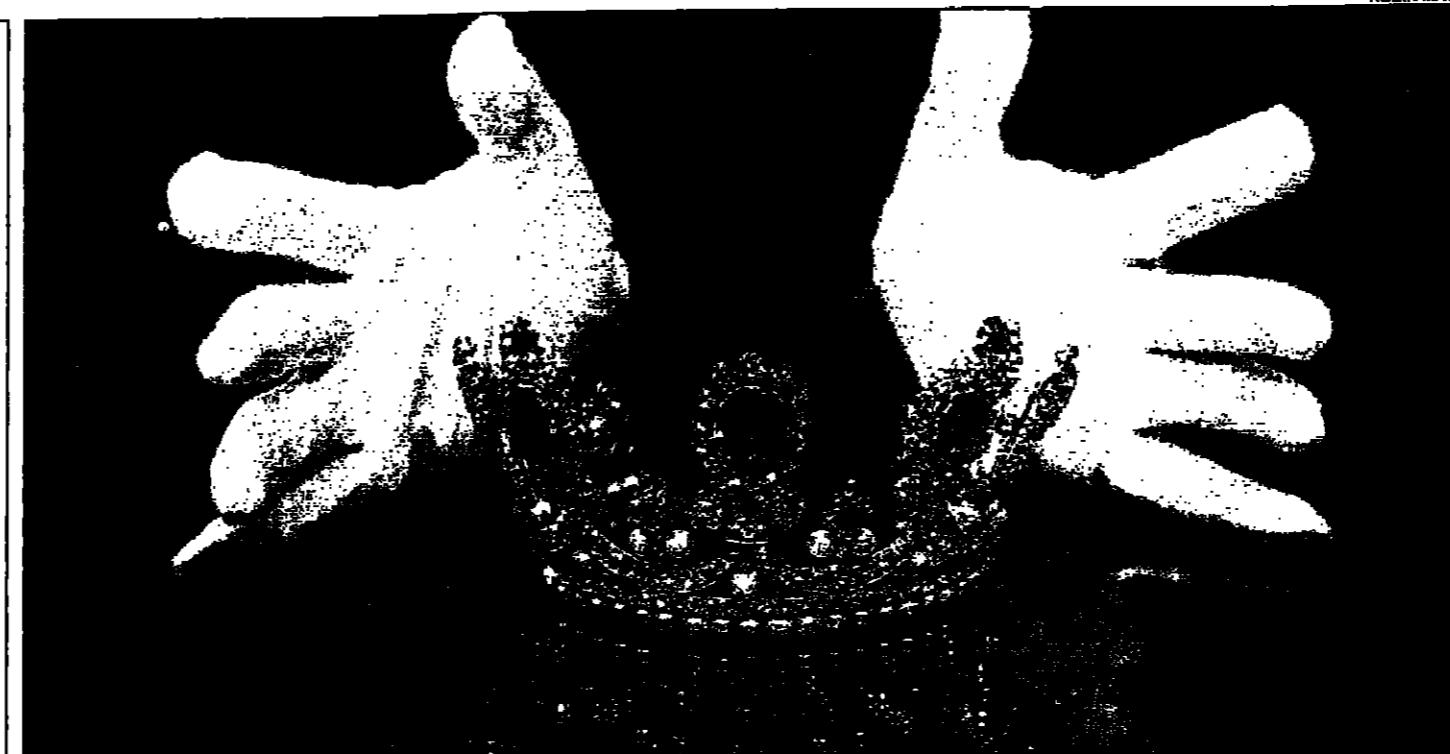
Rail workers are being taught how to spot potential suicides in an attempt to reduce the number of people who take their own lives on the railway. *Page 5*

## Research at risk

Doctors fear that the arrest of a sculptor suspected of stealing human remains may deter patients from donating their bodies for research. *Page 5*

## Get a haircut to get ahead

Career women should get a haircut, eschew cardigans and above all, avoid looking like a secretary because they might be asked to make the coffee. The British Sociological Association also heard that big shoulder pads and high heels were a 1980s cliché. Today, tailored jackets with skirt or trousers, sensible shoes and subtle make-up are *de rigueur*. *Page 8*



The sapphire, diamond and pearl tiara from a suite of jewellery which originally belonged to Queen Marie-Amélie of France (1782-1866) and is to be sold by Sotheby's in Geneva for the Comte and Comtesse de Paris. The suite is estimated to fetch £626,000

## That Gazza feeling

Footballers stuck in the gloom of Division Three and the lesser leagues are suffering from "Shearisation" and "Gascogneisation", according to a sociologist. *Page 8*

## Gingrich fights back

Newt Gingrich, the battered Republican leader, is elbowing his way back to power in a final high-risk effort to salvage his plummeting career on Capitol Hill. *Page 16*

## In from the cold

France's secret police and the counter-espionage agency made an unusual public defence of themselves against charges that they are incompetent, partisan and above the law. *Page 15*

## German EMU doubts

One of Germany's top economic advisers cast doubt on the Government's ability to meet criteria for EMU, ahead of Franco-German talks in Bonn. *Page 15*

## Mobutu urged to quit

America called on Zaire's ailing President Mobutu to step down and leave the country as fighting reached Kinshasa and rebels entered Lubumbashi. *Page 16*

## Hong Kong curbs

Pro-democracy leaders in Hong Kong were dismayed by the government-in-waiting's plans to rein in political parties and curb street protests. *Pages 17, 20*

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**Rothschild:** Three founders of J Rothschild Assurance will share a £37 million stake in a Rothschild company after a deal in which the Prudential takes effective control of JRA. *Page 25*

**City risks:** Trading and broking houses are to have tough new risk-ratings imposed on them by a front-line watchdog. *Page 25*

**Poor advice:** The National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux has been forced to wind up the pension scheme it offers employees because it lacks funds. *Page 25*

**Markets:** The FT-SE 100 Index rose 23.0 points to close at 4292.3. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 99.1 to 99.4 after a fall from \$1.6236 to \$1.6228 but a rise from DM2.778 to DM2.7909. *Page 28*

**Cricket:** Ireland meet Scotland in the ICC Trophy third-place match in Kuala Lumpur today to determine which of them will play in the 1999 World Cup. *Page 42*

**Bonding:** The postponement of the Evans & Holyfield-Mike Tyson rematch means the meeting of Lennox Lewis and Henry Akinwande may have to be moved from England to America. *Page 43*

**Rugby union:** Nick Popplewell, the Ireland and Newcastle prop, was fined and warned about his future conduct after throwing a punch in the Bedford match. *Page 45*

**Sailing:** Mike Golding and *Group 4* reached Cape Town 20 minutes ahead of Chris Tibbs' *Concert* at the end of the 6,200-mile fourth leg from Sydney. *Page 43*

**Star quality:** Siân Phillips is as impressive as ever in the title role of Pam Gems' *Mariene*, now transferred to the West End, but the play itself still falls flat. *Page 35*

**Video releases:** Kurt Russell dons his eyepatch once more to play the maverick Snake Plissken in *Escape from LA*. John Carpenter's noisy, violent sequel to *Escape from New York*. *Page 34*

**Geoff Brown finds himself rooting for the bad guy in Milos Forman's *The People vs. Larry Flynt*, a bracing portrait of the pornographer. *Page 19***

**Half Nelson:** *Mandela*, Jo Menell's biopic of the South African president, was intended to be a warts-and-all documentary. So where are the warts? *Page 33*

**Just call:** Dr Thomas Stuttaford on support for cancer patients; treatment for loose teeth that acts like garden rooting powder; side-effects of an epilepsy drug. *Page 18*

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**Travel news:** Fresh start: Bosnia-Herzegovina will tip its most public step to emerge from years of war when the Pope pays his first official visit to the battered capital, Sarajevo. *Page 39*

**GEORGE CAREY:** Trust has become a significant electoral word. Behind it stands a vocabulary of moral terms that enrich the notion of trust: honesty, goodness, reliability, faithfulness and honour. This is a vocabulary to be claimed not only by politicians but by all of us. *Page 20*

**WILLIAM REES-MOGG:** My hope is that the influence of Hong Kong will tip the balance in favour of genuine political modernisation. It already has its network of relationships with the coming generation in China, and could be the model for the next stage of Chinese development. *Page 20*

**PETER RIDDELL:** Today's MORI poll shifts suggest that some of the Tory propaganda on the economy may have started to have an impact. *Page 12*

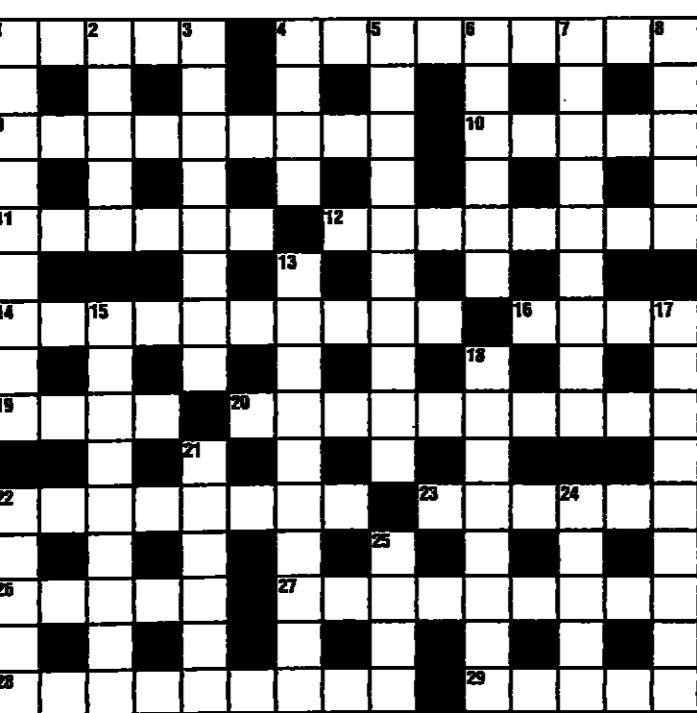
**JOHN BRYANT:** The week before a marathon is always tough. Perhaps the best thing you can do is put your feet up and read a good long book about sport. *Page 42*

**THOMAS ATKINSON, GC:** Dame Guinevere Tilney, personal adviser to Margaret Thatcher; Hugh Irwin, Ministry of Transport; John Rose, civil servant. *Page 23*

**Lottery numbers:** 6, 22, 35, 49, 45, 42. Bonus: 16. The estimated jackpot was £3,600,000. *Page 21*

**John Bell's candidature:** The television debate; Martin Bell's candidature. *Page 21*

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## ACROSS

- 1 Last of a series of twenty-four (5).
- 4 Affectionate donkey, say, gets a bed of straw (9).
- 9 How photographer achieves brilliance in news announcement to cry about (5,4).
- 10 Way Australian bounder starts to settle for the night (5).
- 11 Main route for movement of heavy game without damage (6).
- 12 Mute, but can be understood (8).
- 14 Worried looks, say, at start of flight (10).
- 16 Short walk and a drink (4).
- 19 Sedate idiot (4).
- 20 Work oneself into a state to raise second XI (3,2,5).
- 22 Capacity gathering (3).
- 23 E.g. Marcel's musical fare (6).
- 24 Jolly girl starts to get rid of stilettos, perhaps (5).
- 27 One in charge of record store (9).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,449

**SAFETY CURTAIN**  
E O I A O C O D  
PAROCHIAL HANOI  
A T K S L Y S S  
RHYME SKIP SEMI  
A G O N P X N  
TIBETAN GARNISH  
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TRAPPED HAMSTER  
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BAKE EVIL DIVOT  
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ERASE CUT AND RUN  
S L E U N E S C  
LEHIGH SIROAMORE

28 Lead no trumps, for example (9).

29 Being doomed, Nero fiddled after midnight (5).

30 Casual switching of parts could get one pushed aside (9).

31 Unequivocal dismissal upheld by court (5).

32 Harpo, oddly, is the source of Marxist maxim (8).

33 Parking not allowed, making one purse one's lips (4).

34 Living-room appropriate for the country (10).

35 Break in quickly, needing part of stirrup tightened (6).

36 Mass of hair needs comb as result of supersonic flight (5,4).

37 Dined in college noisily (5).

38 Have to separate female champions confronting each other (4,2).

39 Early boundaries in Yorkshire, say, as good as a hundred elsewhere (9).

40 Rector of Minehead turning into a source of sympathy (9).

41 Testing quality of gold, like gnome (8).

42 Used to prevent one getting into a hole (6).

43 Following behind dowdy old woman (5).

44 Exercise power in Niger capriciously (5).

45 End of pius, abbreviated (4).

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# JRA founders in line for £37m bonus

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE founders of J Rothschild Assurance, the life office set up by Lord Rothschild and Sir Mark Weinberg, stand to earn up to £12 million each after Prudential yesterday raised its stake in the company by an extra £40 million.

The move by Prudential, the UK's largest insurer, effectively gives it control over JRA just weeks after successfully bidding for Scottish Amicable.

Sir Mark set up JRA in 1991 with backing from Lord Rothschild. He left Allied Dunbar, which he founded in 1971, when it was taken over by BAT Industries in 1989, and established JRA with co-founders Mike Wilson and Keith Carby, both from Allied Dunbar. JRA quickly grew and the move is in effect a reverse takeover of its parent.

Sir Mark, Mr Wilson and Mr Carby will each make up to £2.4 million immediately from the deal when they sell up to 20 per cent in the restructured company to Prudential. Under the terms of the deal Prudential has tabled a £39.6 million plan to increase its stake in St James's Place Capital (SJPC), the life assurance and fund firm that owns 40 per cent of JRA. At the same time SJPC announced a £185 million deal to increase its stake in JRA to 100 per cent.

After the restructuring, Sir Mark and Mr Wilson's total stake will be worth £12 million, and Mr Carby's £10 million. Lord Rothschild yesterday sold three million SJPC shares but will continue to hold a £15 million stake in the new company, representing 3

per cent of its share capital. He will stand down from the board because of other commitments but will become president of SJPC. The restructured company is likely to have a market capitalisation of around £530 million.

If the deal is approved the three founders of JRA will become executive directors of SJPC and will hold a 7 per cent share worth £37 million, or up to £12 million each. All three will sit on the SJPC board, with Sir Mark as chairman and Mr Wilson and Mr Carby taking executive roles. They have agreed to sell to Prudential 20 per cent of the SJPC shares they will receive in exchange for their holdings in JRA. They will immediately make up to £2.4 million each in cash but have promised to keep 80 per cent of their stake for the first year.

The restructuring proposals announced yesterday carry a clause that gives the Rothschild family power to remove the words "J Rothschild" from

JRA's name if they feel it is necessary to protect "the integrity of the J Rothschild name".

In 1994 Lautro, the former watchdog, publicly reprimanded JRA and fined it £100,000 with £40,000 costs for breaking its rules. The misconduct occurred in 1992, JRA's first year of operation. Lautro said JRA had failed to monitor its sales force properly and had not kept adequate records on advice to clients.

Under the terms of its proposal, Prudential will increase its holding to 29.9 per cent, just below the total at which takeover rules dictate that it must make a bid. The deal depends on the successful completion of Prudential's bid for Scottish Amicable, as the mutual's 19.6 per cent stake in JRA plays a major part in Prudential's plans. As part of yesterday's agreement, Prudential and Scottish Amicable have promised not to launch a takeover bid for SJPC for at least a year. The JRA brand name will stay.

Prudential will tender 130p each for 30.5 million shares, representing a 7.7 per cent interest, to top up the Scottish Amicable JRA holding and its own 3.7 per cent stake.

Sir Peter Davis, group chief executive of Prudential, has said that he believes in the longer term it is in the interest of SJPC to remain independently managed and have a separate stock market listing.

Both deals are still subject to shareholder approval, but could be completed by June.

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Weinberg: 'reverse takeover'



Bob Jones, foreground, with Richard Connell, left, and Chris Ward in a Warrior armoured personnel carrier yesterday

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STOCK MARKET INDEXES

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FTSE All share 2007.5 (-10.37)  
Nikkei 17703.37 (-18.33)  
New York 6597.07 (-12.09)\*  
Dow Jones 765.35 (-0.16)\*  
S&P Composite

EUROPE

Federal Funds 5.75% (5.75%)  
Long Bond 8.00% (8.00%)  
Yield 7.10% (7.10%)

LONDON MONEY

3-month Interbank 6.01% (6.01%)  
Libor long gilt future (Jun) 100.91 (109%)

STERLING

New York 1.6220\* (1.6220)  
London 1.6233 (1.6233)  
\$ 1.6233 (1.6233)  
DM 0.53522 (0.53522)  
FF 2.3524 (2.3524)  
SFr 205.38 (204.63)  
Yen 98.4 (98.4)

US DOLLAR

London 1.7248\* (1.7150)  
DM 5.2070\* (5.2110)  
FF 5.4701\* (5.4725)  
Yen 126.89\* (126.31)  
S Index 105.6 (105.5)

Tokyo close Yen 128.68

NORTH SEA

Brent 15-day (Jun) \$16.30 (\$16.10)

GOLD

London close \$348.05 (\$348.45)

\* denotes midday trading price

## Warrior targets Armed Forces

By JON ASHWORTH

UP TO ten million former servicemen and women are to be offered credit cards, insurance schemes and personal loans under a £104 million deal with Naafi, the long-time purveyor of tea and cakes to the Armed Forces.

Both deals are still subject to shareholder approval, but could be completed by June.

Warrior Group, a joint venture between Naafi and HSBC Private Equity, has won the contract to provide financial services to past and present

members of the Armed Forces. Naafi lost a £40 million food supply contract to Booker in January and is furiously streamlining operations. Spar has effectively taken over the running of Naafi shops and Lanica Trust is backing a new mail order venture.

Bob Jones becomes chief executive of Warrior, which takes in Naafi's existing financial services division. He took the helm of a Warrior armoured personnel carrier

yesterday assisted by Richard Connell, a director of HSBC Private Equity, and Chris Ward of Deloitte & Touche Corporate Finance, which advised on the deal. Ian Lindsay, former banking director at S&P & Prosper, becomes non-executive chairman.

About 80,000 of Britain's 300,000 serving members of the forces hold Naafi credit cards and other financial products. Mr Jones said: "Military customers are relatively

young, highly mobile and have very different financial needs to the man in the street."

The aim is to widen the net to include millions of former Armed Forces members.

Geffrey Dart, Naafi's chief executive, said that the money raised from the transaction would help Naafi with its restructuring, and allow it to modernise its pubs, clubs and leisure centres.

Naafi has a 32 per cent stake in Warrior.

## Parsons sold

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## Biggest deal

Procter & Gamble, the hygiene and household goods group, is making its largest purchase, having agreed to buy Tambrands for \$1.8 billion. Page 30

## EDS ahead on official IT contracts

By JASON NISSE

ELECTRONIC Data Systems, the American technology group, has won more than half of all the government information technology contracts outsourced as part of the Private Finance Initiative, the Treasury has admitted.

The previously unpublished figures emerge in a document produced by the commercial department of the US Embassy in London and obtained by Computer Weekly, the trade magazine.

In the report the embassy says: "They [the Treasury] comment that the UK subsidiary of one US firm has over 50 per cent of the \$600 million government market for IT services." The firm is EDS, whose contracts include work for the Inland Revenue and Department of Social Security.

When the Treasury was asked to give information to the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee about the extent of work by EDS for the Government last year, it said that it could not provide any more than "fragmentary information".

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The pound yesterday continued its rise against the mark, closing up more than a pfenning, at DM2.7909. Sterling has been buoyed by the dollar's recent strength and expectation

of interest rate rises. It closed down fractionally at \$1.6228 but rose 0.3 points to 99.4 on its trade-weighted index.

Adam Cole, UK economist with HSBC James Capel, believes that economic policy could be going badly astray, with either of the two main political parties likely to raise rates after the election rather than tighten up on spending and taxes, which would not harm manufacturing.

Jonathan Loynes, UK economist with HSBC, said that it is only the strength of domestic demand that has helped, so far, to counteract sterling's rise. Output of durable goods jumped by 2.7 per cent in the three months to February, compared with 1.9 per cent in the three months to January.

Overall industrial output fell by 0.6 per cent, with the annual rate of increase falling from 2.5 per cent to 1.5. Analysts blamed mild weather, which cut demand for energy.

■ Housing starts fell 1 per cent in the three months to February, against the previous three, the Department of the Environment said.

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## SFA plans tighter risk-rating system

By ROBERT MILLER, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

CITY trading and broking houses are to have tough new risk ratings imposed on them by a frontline watchdog.

Next week the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), the regulator for brokers and futures dealers, will unveil plans to introduce the risk rating system. This could fundamentally alter the way City firms deal with each other, particularly in the volatile futures and options markets.

Incidents such as the £830 million collapse of Barings and NatWest Markets' £90 million black hole that remained undetected for about two years, have prompted City watchdogs, including the Bank of England, to impose more precise risk-rating programmes.

Members of the SFA will be told their individual ratings this summer. They will be based on scores of one for the least risky through to five.

The risk ratings will determine the level of attention and inspection visits made by the watchdog and the amount of spare capital they will have to post to cover their business exposure in the markets. In future SFA firms may decide whether to do business together.

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## TransCo inquiry extended by MMC

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY  
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry into price curbs planned for TransCo BG's gas pipeline network, has been extended until the end of next month. The outcome of the inquiry will not now be known until after the general election.

Until Tuesday night, the investigation, which will determine whether householders get a £28 cut in bills and BG loses about £650 million in sales next year, had been scheduled for completion next Monday. But the MMC asked for more time amid speculation that the new information involved revised estimates by TransCo of its operating costs. Significant new information is also thought to have come from Ofgas. Estimates by TransCo of its running costs would be of critical importance to the inquiry.

An MMC spokesman said delays to reports were only asked for "when it was absolutely imperative". The extension follows an 11th-hour meeting between the MMC and Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator.

The MMC report will go to the President of the Board of Trade for consideration before publication. Its findings will inevitably cause controversy. If the MMC supports TransCo's appeals against price curbs it will trigger complaints from the gas industry, not least the independent gas suppliers.

A favourable report for Ofgas would have BG warning of job cuts and shareholder losses. The MMC denied that the political climate had influenced its timetable.

A spokeswoman for BG denied the company had made available fresh information and said BG had responded to requests within the timescale. Ofgas said it had given extra information at the request of the MMC.

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## Channel 5 seals £86m Hollywood film deal



Mel Gibson's *Ransom* is one of the films included in Channel 5's deal with Warner Brothers which ITV has criticised

## Siemens buys ailing R-R power generation plant

By OLIVER AUGUST

SIEMENS, the German electricals group, has acquired Parsons Power Generation from Rolls-Royce for £30 million. The long-awaited deal, which excludes the power station construction business, will save 880 jobs in Newcastle upon Tyne but a further 400 jobs could be lost when existing contracts end next year.

Siemens will integrate the turbine and rotor divisions into its worldwide operations. Its stake in Parsons amounts to turnover of £60 million, out of a total of £150 million, and two thirds of the North Tyneside site. Jürgen Gehrels, chief

executive of Siemens UK, said: "We didn't take over 880 people to make them redundant. But there is no guarantee. The only guarantee we will give is that productivity will improve, and Parsons has a long way to go."

Earlier this year, Herr Gehrels suggested that Siemens would never invest in Newcastle if Britain rejects a single currency and the European Union. Yesterday he said: "No British Government would be so foolish to do that. Not just Newcastle, all our activities here in the UK would be in jeopardy. The

current debate about the single currency is creating a lot of uncertainty and makes investors very nervous."

Rolls-Royce has been trying to sell the loss-making Parsons for months. Herr Gehrels said Rolls-Royce's problems resulted from not being a global player in the power sector. Siemens will bring new work and transfer technologies to Newcastle from its plant in Mülheim, Germany.

Siemens also bought the rights to the Parsons name. Herr Gehrels said: "I hope the name will not disappear. We will use it in some way, though

not to make power stations." Under Siemens, Parsons will be run by Horst Münstermann, who will be assisted by Bob Hepburn. Herr Münstermann said that he wanted to improve productivity by introducing new management techniques.

Siemens will also assist the remaining 400 Rolls-Royce workers to complete existing power station contracts on a sub-contractor basis. The Parsons plant is only five miles from Siemens' new £1 billion semiconductor plant.

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## Conrail battle settled

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

THE long-running US rail-way bid battle over Conrail has ended with a multibillion-dollar carve-up of the company between the two bidders that radically restructures the East Coast railway system.

Norfolk Southern, whose bid had been rejected by Conrail, will end up with most of the company by paying \$5.9 billion for a 58 per cent share. CSX, the other bidder whose

offer for Conrail had been agreed by the company, will pay \$4.3 billion for 42 per cent.

The two bidders are forming a jointly owned entity to buy all the outstanding Conrail shares for \$115 each in cash, giving a total of \$10.3 billion.

The agreement divides up Conrail's main routes although some lines will be operated jointly.

## Windfall tax could hit customers

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR'S plans for a windfall tax on the privatised utilities could mean higher prices for customers and throw a cloud over employment prospects in the companies. Criticism from the Institute of Fiscal Studies fuels fears over the implications of the tax already raised by the electricity regulator and political opponents.

The IFS, looking at how the tax might be applied, said the tax illustrated a "troubling" trend by politicians to craft taxes to suit political objectives.

Lucy Chennells, senior research economist at the IFS, said although the windfall tax — which is expected to raise upwards of £3 billion to fund youth employment — would

be imposed on companies, "people pay the tax in the end".

The IFS also said that the tax was inequitable because it would hit present shareholders of utilities who are not necessarily those investors which enjoyed benefits from the companies.

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## Oftel moves nearer to a free phone market

By ERIC REGULY

OFTEL, the telecommunications regulator, yesterday moved closer towards the creation of a free phone market with proposals to make number portability, which allows customers to keep their phone number when they change operators, mandatory across the industry.

The lack of portability was considered a major barrier to unfettered competition in the residential and business phone markets.

Oftel wants to make number portability a licence obligation for all operators. Currently, only British Telecom is required to provide portability. The cable com-

panies welcomed the announcement. They have been the prime beneficiaries of BT's portability obligation and expect to gain more customers as the system becomes universal.

The cable companies had 2.3 million telephone customers at the start of the year and are gaining more than 70,000 new customers each month, mostly from BT.

Don Cruckshank, Director-General of Telecommunications, said: "Number portability eliminates the hassle of changing your phone number when changing operator. This enables consumers to take advantage of the increasing competition in the market."

## SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND AND LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 183rd Annual General Meeting of the members of the Society will be held within the Sidlaw Auditorium, Edinburgh International Conference Centre, The Exchange, Edinburgh EH3 8EE on Tuesday 6 May 1997 at 11.30am for the following purposes:

- To consider the Accounts and Balance Sheets for the year ended 31 December 1996 and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors.
- To elect or re-elect Directors.
- To fix the remuneration of Directors.
- To re-appoint Price Waterhouse as Auditors.
- To authorise the Directors to fix the remuneration of the Auditors for the current year.
- To transact any other ordinary business proper to an Annual General Meeting.

A member is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not also be a member of the Society. To be effective, proxies (and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy of that power of attorney) must reach the Society's principal office not less than two clear working days before the time for holding the Meeting. Members or proxies who intend to be present at the meeting should bring with them details of their policy numbers or in the case of proxies the policy numbers in respect of which they have been appointed proxy, and in all cases some means of identification. Registration will commence at 11.00am.

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## BUSINESS REVIEW

## Election 'slowing home loan advances'

RESEARCH published today by one of the leading mortgage lenders claims that home loan advances are being held up by the election campaign. The mortgage arm of Barclays says that "since the announcement of the date for the general election, people's optimism about house prices and home moving, which has been growing steadily over the past 12 months, has begun to slow down". The latest Barclays Mortgage Index shows that the value of gross mortgage advances in March was 15 per cent compared with the same period last year. Monthly home loan advances last month were 24 per cent up on February.

Jim Chadwick, a director of Barclays Mortgages, says: "The dip in consumer confidence... is likely to be reflected in mortgage advances later in the year. It is unfortunate that people are holding back at an ideal time to buy a home."

## Rolls-Royce sales ahead

SALES of Rolls-Royce cars motored ahead in the first quarter, according to Vickers, the luxury car manufacturer's owner. Worldwide sales rose 13 per cent to 446 cars, compared with 396 for January to March 1996. UK sales rose to 236 from 158 for the same period in 1996. However, sales on the Continent and in the Middle East fell sharply. In America, sales rose a modest 2 per cent to 92 cars. Overall, sales are on course to top last year's total of 1,744.

## Antonov suspended

SHARES in Antonov, the engineering design company, were suspended yesterday amid speculation that it had found the first major customer for its revolutionary automatic gearbox. The shares, which rose 14 per cent to 103½p on Tuesday, were suspended at 16½p. Antonov has yet to see a profit. Its AIM-listed shares fell from 15½p to 48p last year after its failure to win any sale for its gearbox, claimed to be more efficient and cheaper to make than others. An announcement is due today.

## Ascot on dividend list

ASCOT HOLDINGS, the property group turned conglomerate, is paying its first dividend since November 1991. Shareholders will receive 3.5p per share on June 23. The company made a pre-tax profit £5.9 million in the year to December 31. In the previous year, which is not directly comparable because of the acquisition of Suter and because the year end had been changed, the profit was £19.5 million. Fully diluted earnings per share were 10.5p (59.8p).

## Dowding's dull start

DOWDING & MILLS, the electrical and mechanical repair company, said that it had had a slow start to the year, but that it should still be able to lift profits by the year end. The company, which has increased its profits by 30 per cent for the past four years, said that it cannot guarantee maintaining this growth rate. Pre-tax profits rose 27 per cent, to £7.12 million, in the last six months of 1996. Earnings per share were 284p (22p). An interim dividend of 1.13p is due on May 8.

## Shield switches to UBS

SHIELD DIAGNOSTICS, the high-flying company with a promising heart disease test, has appointed UBS as its brokers and financial advisers in place of Greig Middleton. Two weeks ago Gordon Hall, Shield's chief executive, said the company was "working quite happily with Greig Middleton". Yesterday he said Shield is moving to take advantage of UBS's larger operation. Shield's shares, down 7½p to 66½p yesterday, have more than quadrupled this year.

## TV group name change

SCOTTISH TELEVISION, the ITV company, is to change its name to Scottish Media Group to reflect its broader activities in the media sector. Scottish Television began to diversify last year with the £120 million purchase of Caledonian Publishing, of Glasgow, owner of *The Herald* and *Evening Times*. It said the name change is subject to shareholder approval. Caledonian is making strong contributions to profit and the City expects newspaper interests to expand.

## TOURIST RATES

Bank Sales	Bank Sales	Bank Sales	Bank Sales
Australia \$ 2.18	2.02	Malta 0.857	0.82
Canada \$ 2.24	19.93	New Zealand \$ 3.25	3.05
Belgium Fr 60.50	55.00	Norway Kr 2.49	10.58
Canada \$ 2.373	2.203	Portugal Esc 11.73	271.55
Cyprus Cyp. 0.863	0.803	S Afric. Rand 7.78	2.85
Finland Mark 11.16	10.28	S. Afric. P. 2.00	2.00
France Fr 9.81	9.11	Sweden Kr 12.22	12.22
Germany DM 2.84	2.72	Switzerland Fr 2.52	2.54
Japan Yen 42.44	45.00	Turkey Lira 216.97	20.00
Hong Kong \$ 12.33	12.23	USA \$ 1.724	1.594
Iceland Fr 1.10	1.00		
Ireland Fr 5.75	5.75		
Italy Lira 27.12	27.12		
Japan Yen 219.80	203.80		

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Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

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□ Deferral of MMC pipeline ruling looks advisable □ Ken and Eddie go through the motions □ Great name sold for a song

□ MANY have tried to second-guess the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and place bets on the outcome of its various deliberations before they are revealed to the world. Those investors who have been buying into BG, one half of the old British Gas, are the latest in a long line. The success rate of such gamblers has tended to be about fifty-fifty, which suggests they would have done as well on the roulette wheel.

The MMC is a hermetically sealed institution. The panel takes evidence from anyone affected — in BG's case, in the inquiry into charges allowed by its TransCo pipeline subsidiary, from the company, from the Office of Gas Regulation (Ofgas), from various consumer groups pushing for lower prices and from independent gas suppliers.

With each witness the inquiry tends to take a devil's advocate position, requiring them to defend their respective positions. This may be taken by those involved as opposition to that position. The rash of stories that the MMC was inclined to weaken the tough proposals put forward by Clare Spottiswoode of Ofgas may have come from just such an assumption by one of the gas independents.

The rumours have pushed the BG share price up by 20p or so since the end of last month. Then Ms Spottiswoode was called into the MMC on Tuesday, an unusual step just days before its report was due. Surely she was being warned that she was about to be undermined by the only court of appeal available to regulated companies, the MMC?

Beautifully logical, and wrong, wrong, wrong. The MMC was telling her that its inquiry would be extended until after the election. This means, at least if one believes the opinion polls, that the final arbiter of its decision will not be Ian Lang, the current President of the Board of Trade.

On this basis a deferral of the ruling looks sensible, not least because of Mr Lang's refusal to decide on pretty well anything ahead of the election. The implications for BG and its share price are — well, your guess is as good as the next speculator's.

The ruling is not going to be worse than Ms Spottiswoode's proposals — but it might be no

better. BG assures us, would be a disaster. The market is assuming they would lead to a cut in the dividend to former British Gas shareholders from 14.5p last year to about 5p, all from BG as the other successor company, Centrica, is in no position to pay dividends.

On that basis, BG's current share price is hard to defend. If the dividend has to come down any more — and on some calculations of what would be left of TransCo earnings it may have to be halved again — the price is way ahead of events.

We simply do not know. Anyone who tells you otherwise may have their own reasons for talking up the BG share price.

### When growth is booming

□ WHEN is a boom not a boom, but steady, sustainable economic growth? The answer is three weeks before the election — unless you happen to be a slogan



### PENNINGTON

writer for the Conservatives. Such a novel interpretation of economics is unlikely to feature at today's little chat between Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, but this is only because both know their parts in the dialogue too well to need any more prompting.

Mr George will opine that base rates should be at anything up to 7 per cent. He will know he is wasting his breath, but it will be useful practice for the May meeting with whoever is Chancellor then. Mr Clarke may cite yesterday's industrial production data, saying industry is too

fragile to support a rise in base rates. This is not that unreasonable. Industrial production was depressed by one-off falls in energy output, and this will reverse in due course.

But manufacturing output was only growing at 1.8 per cent year-on-year, a long way from excessive. Strong sterling will continue to hit companies that have only just brought stocks into line with lower continental demand. A high pound for too long, and more of UK manufacturing may be at risk as companies decide it is an economic fact of life and decide to build it into their investment plans.

Yesterday's figures and last week's data on the service sector, now growing at 4 per cent or so, show that the two-speed economy is well established. You cannot slow down the other, without endangering the other, an argument turned on its head by Mr George last week when he suggested that protection for manufacturing was no excuse for stoking up inflation. Such

chicken-and-egg arguments will feature high on the agenda of whoever occupies No 11 this summer.

### Sad history of Parsons

□ IT IS enough to make you weep. Parsons, one of the great names of British engineering, is being sold for just £30 million.

The tangled history of heavy engineering in the North East provides a telling barometer of industrial decline. Sir Charles Parsons, inventor of the steam turbine, formed the company in 1899. He was a man worthy of inclusion on the same list as James Watt, John Logie Baird and Isambard Kingdom Brunel, which is where he appeared recently in a poll of scientists asked by *The Times* for a roll call of British inventive genius.

At the same time, a French immigrant, Alphonse Reynolle, was starting to make switching gear in the North East. The two

came together — Reynolle is staying with Rolls-Royce — and found their way into Northern Engineering Industries, a name with a rather hollow ring today. Rolls-Royce bought NEI for £305 million in 1989, by which time the decline of Parsons was probably unstoppable. Its main customer was the old CECB, until this was broken up. Like much of British engineering, Parsons waited for the world to come to it, and the world stayed away.

The company was knocked out to Siemens; on the same day, the financial services arm of the Naafi, a body that few outside the Services can have even known existed, went for more than three times the asking price for Parsons. *Sic transit gloria mundi.*

### Holiday discord

□ A SURVEY of finance directors, carried out by the indefatigable Reed Accountancy Personnel, shows that nine out of ten believe it is vital for people to take their full holiday entitlement in order to function, but less than two thirds of them do so. Translated, this says that we are nearly all of us responsible, caring employers, but at least a third of us are too important to skip work for all that long.

## Tomkins pays £372m for US automotive company

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

TOMKINS, the conglomerate whose interests span Smith & Wesson and Banks Hovis McDougall, has agreed to buy Stant Corporation of America for £372 million.

Stant, which is quoted on Nasdaq, manufactures automotive components, including windshield wipping systems, window blades, closure caps and engine thermostats. It will be integrated with Tomkins' last major acquisition, the US automotive hosemaker Gates, for which it paid £750 million last year.

Stant has more than 7,000 employees and last year achieved sales of £403 million. Greg Hutchings, executive chairman of Tomkins, said

that the integration will take about a year but that the deal will be earnings-enhancing immediately.

He said that Tomkins is continuing to look for other acquisitions and would be happy to spend a similar amount or more if an opportunity appeared, but another bolt-on to Gates is unlikely.

Tomkins is launching a tender offer for all Stant's shares at \$21.50 per share in cash, valuing Stant's total equity at £249 million. This will be paid from Tomkins' cash resources. It will also assume £123 million of debt. At the half-year, Tomkins had cash of £394 million.

Bessemer Capital Partners

of New York, which owns 56.9 per cent of Stant's issued capital, has agreed to tender its shares to Tomkins.

Tomkins hopes to close the deal in the middle of next month, subject to US regulatory approval.

In the year to December 31, Stant's operating profit was £34.7 million and pre-tax profit was £23.8 million. Net assets were £123 million, including intangibles.

Mr Hutchings said: "Stant expands our product offering to the automotive original equipment market and increases the range of volume or products we can distribute through Gates's established channels to the aftermarket."

There will be cost savings because Tomkins will not need to maintain two marketing operations, he added.

Mr Hutchings has been under some pressure from investors to buy back shares but he has insisted that such a move would stifle Tomkins' ability to consider large takeovers. He said yesterday that the new acquisition "demonstrates the effectiveness of our strategy of maintaining cash as a strategic asset in readiness for suitable acquisition opportunities."

The City reacted well to yesterday's deal and Tomkins' shares rose 7½p to 232½p.

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### Smiths has £400m for acquisition

SMITHS INDUSTRIES, the aircraft electronics and medical instruments group, could afford to spend up to £400 million on its next acquisition without seeking more money from its shareholders, it emerged yesterday (Paul Durman writes).

Alan Thomson, finance director, said Smiths could borrow this amount before thinking about issuing new shares. City analysts believe that the company's strong cashflow would allow it to spend up to £500 million.

Smiths was reporting a 15 per cent rise in underlying pre-tax profits to £80.2 million for the six months to February 1. The interim dividend rises 10 per cent to 6.15p a share.

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## Revenue boost for Allders

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

A SURPRISE concession by the Inland Revenue has led Allders, the retail group, to revise plans for a share consolidation that were aborted last year after Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, scrapped tax benefits on some special dividend schemes.

The concession raises hopes for other companies that were forced by the change in rules to forgo special dividend plans. These include Reuters, the news and financial information group, which pulled out of a plan to return £613 million to shareholders through special dividend shares.

Allders will be able to release a £15 million provision made to cover the cost of compensating the option holders who had stood to lose out under the altered deal.

### Bonus deal nets Thistle chief £1.3m

ROBERT PEEL, chief executive of the newly floated Thistle Hotels, received £1.3 million in 1996 (George Sivell writes). The annual report and accounts show his salary and fees of £264,000 were enhanced with £1.01 million of performance related share bonuses and one-off bonuses.

Norbert Petersen, senior operations director, received £664,537, made up of £153,819 salary and £502,673 share and one-off cash bonuses.

Mr Peel and Mr Petersen received a £500,000 and £250,000 cash bonus respectively to replace entitlements agreed to when Thistle was acquired by Brierley Investments in 1992.

### BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND NOTICE OF LOCAL INQUIRY

#### Supplementary Review of European Parliamentary Constituencies

NOTICE is given today, 10 April 1997, that local inquiries are to be held by the Boundary Commission for England into their provisional recommendations, made under the European Parliamentary Elections Act 1976 (as amended) for the European Parliamentary Constituencies (EPC) set below. The Commission published their provisional recommendations on 7 November 1996. Mr Richard Stans, Barrister-at-Law, will open on:

THURSDAY 3 JULY 1997 AT 10.30AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, CROSS STREET, BEVERLEY

2) For the Lancashire Central (No.8), Lancashire South (No.12), Merseyside West (No.13), Merseyside East and Wirral (No.14), Cheshire West and Wirral (No.15), Greater Manchester East (No.16), Greater Manchester Central (No.17), Cheshire East (No.18) and Staffordshire West and Cannock (No.25) EPCs, the inquiry will be conducted by the Assistant Commissioner, Mr Alan Dakin, Barrister-at-Law. It will open on:

WEDNESDAY 16 JULY 1997 AT 10.30AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, MANCHESTER

3) For the East Kent (No.22), Nottinghamshire North and Chesterfield (No.23), Nottingham and Leicestershire North West (No.24), Leicestershire (No.25) and Nottingham and Bassetlaw (No.26) EPCs, the inquiry will be conducted by the Assistant Commissioner, Mr James Gibbs, Barrister-at-Law. It will open on:

TUESDAY 1 JULY 1997 AT 10.30AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HOUSE, MARKET SQUARE, NOTTINGHAM

4) For the Hereford and Shropshire (No.31), Birmingham West (No.32), Birmingham East (No.34), Worcestershire and South Warwickshire (No.38) and Gloucestershire (No.41) EPCs, the inquiry will be conducted by the Assistant Commissioner, Miss Clare Andrews, Barrister-at-Law. It will open on:

TUESDAY 7 JULY 1997 AT 10.30AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, WORCESTER

5) For the Essex North and Suffolk South (No.42) and Hertfordshire East (No.44) EPCs, the inquiry will be conducted by the Assistant Commissioner, Mr William Steward-Smith, Barrister-at-Law. It will open on:

TUESDAY 24 JUNE 1997 AT 10.30AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, CHELMSFORD

6) For the Kent West (No.51), Kent East (No.52), Sussex West (No.53) and East Sussex and Kent South (No.56) EPCs, the inquiry will be conducted by the Assistant Commissioner, Mr Peter Birks QC. It will open on:

MONDAY 14 JULY 1997 AT 10.30AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, TUNBRIDGE WELLS

7) For the Bristol North and Bath (No.46), Hampshire North and Oxford (No.48), Somerset and North Devon (No.53), Devon, Teign and Awre (No.54), Wight and Hampshire South (No.55), South Downs West (No.56), Cornwall and West Plymouth (No.59), Devon and East Plymouth (No.60) and Dorset and East Devon (No.61) EPCs, the inquiry will be conducted by the Assistant Commissioner, Mr George Barlow QC. It will open on:

TUESDAY 24 JUNE 1997 AT 10.30AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, TAUNTON

to discuss the provisional recommendations for the Wiltshire North and Bath (No.47), Hampshire North and Oxford (No.48), Incess, Test and Awre (No.54), Wight and Hampshire South (No.55), South Downs West (No.56) and Dorset and East Devon (No.61) EPCs, and it remains on:

WEDNESDAY 2 JULY 1997 AT 10.30AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, SOUTHAMPTON

to discuss the provisional recommendations for the Wiltshire North and Bath (No.47), Hampshire North and Oxford (No.48), Incess, Test and Awre (No.54), Wight and Hampshire South (No.55), South Downs West (No.56) and Dorset and East Devon (No.61) EPCs, and interested parties who wish to make representations concerning the Wiltshire North and Bath (No.47) and Dorset and East Devon (No.61) EPCs are advised to attend both meetings.

8) For the Thames (No.49), Surrey (No.50), London North West (No.62), London North (No.63), London West (No.64), London South East (No.65), London South Inner (No.66), London South West (No.67), London West (No.68), London Central (No.69), London North East (No.70) and London South and Surrey East (No.71) EPCs, the inquiry will be conducted by the Assistant Commissioner, Mr Andrew Stans QC. It will open on:

MONDAY 21 JULY 1997 AT 10.30AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, BORNTON STREET, KENSINGTON

Any interested person, whether a supporter or objector to the Commission's proposals may attend and be heard. The Commission would invite all interested parties to attend and make their views known. It should not be assumed that each inquiry will only discuss matters raised in representations submitted within the period allowed, nor that the Commission's provisional recommendations will remain unchanged.

Representations made in respect of the remaining European Parliamentary Constituencies did not require local inquiries to be held and the Commission decided not to use their discretion to hold any further inquiries.

The provisional recommendations, copies of the representations made to the Commission (together with a summary) and a statement made by the Commission, which will be introduced formally at each inquiry, are open for public inspection at:

Inquiry No.1 — Beverley (Yorkshire)

HUMBERSIDE (former non-metropolitan county)

Council Offices, Asbury House, ANLBAY 1, Council Offices, The Hall, Largate, BEVERLEY; Town Hall, BRIDLINGTON;

Hornsea House, Station Road, BRIGGS; Town Hall, HESSE; Greenwood Avenue Library, Greenwood Avenue, HULL;

Goldsell, Alfred Street, HULL; Pinewood House, Asbury Road, SUNTHORPE.

Inquiry No.2 — Manchester (Northwest)

Council Offices, The Forum, CHESTER; Municipal Buildings, Edge Street, CREWE; Council Offices, 4 Civic Way,

CHESTER; County Offices, Telford Road, KNUTSFORD; Council Offices, 10 Grosvenor Place, MANCHESTER;

MANCHESTER; Cheshire County Council Offices, Westgate, OLDHAM; PRINCESTON Library, PRESTICE Street, MANCHESTER;

MIDDLETON; Civic Centre, West Street, OLDHAM; PRINCESTON Library, PRESTICE Street, MANCHESTER;

MIDDLETON; Civic Centre, West Street, OLDHAM; SANDHURST; Town Hall, BRIDGEND; ST. ALBANS; ST. ALBANS;

WALTMAN CROSS; Town Hall, WATFORD; Council Offices, The Campus, WELWYN GARDEN CITY.

SUFFOLK

Council Office, Angel Hill, BURY ST EDMUND; Council Offices, Crows Lane, HADLIGH.

Inquiry No.3 — Tendring (East Anglia)

Council Offices, Tendring District Housing Office, Lavender Street, BRIGHTON; Town Hall, Burghclere

## STOCK MARKET

CLARE STEWART

# Shares lose momentum in run for 4,300 level

MARTIN BEDDALL



Richard Barber has a positive view at Caverdale, up 12p

THE stock market attempted a second run at the 4,300 level yesterday, cheered by a good overnight rise on Wall Street.

But despite weaker than expected industrial production figures, the market lost sight of the target and slid back from its best level of 4,301.5. At the close the FTSE 100 stood at 4,292.3, up 23 points on modest volumes once again of 959 million.

BG was one of the most heavily traded stocks, with nearly 21 million shares changing hands. Shares dipped 3p to 176p, after the MMC extended the deadline for its inquiry into TransCo, BG's pipeline business, until after the general election. The new deadline is May 31.

The commission had been expected to report on April 14, and BG shares had been boosted recently on hopes of a favourable outcome.

Insurance groups attracted interest, with both Royal Sun Alliance and General Accident buoyed by a positive note from Warburg, the brokers, setting new target prices for both stocks.

The 900p mark has been pencilled in for General Accident and 500p for Royal Sun Alliance. Shares in the latter touched a trading high of 450p before easing back to close at 443, down 1p. General Accident added 3p to 807.1p.

Talk of buying interest from the US gave Sedgwick, the insurance broker, a further lift, adding 1p to 120p. Other brokers were in demand. Oriental was pushed to 117p before ending at 114.5p, up 2p, while Steel Brisk Jones moved up 1p to 27p.

Pharmaceuticals were also sought, helped by results from the sector coming out of the US. Zeneca added 36p to 18.04p, with SmithKline Beecham up 22.5p to 915.2p and Glaxo Wellcome up 7.1p to 10.88p.

A buy recommendation helped to fire up the electricity generators, with PowerGen up 5p to 611.5p and National Power rising 13p to 504p.

Water companies attracted interest, defying pre-election wobbles. Severn Trent added 13p to 719p, while Thames Water rose 6p to 671p.

Oils were again in demand, with BP up 10.5p to 693.1p and Shell up 1p higher at 10.505. Bid speculation pushed Dana Petroleum 3.5p higher to 26p, while British

Borneo surged back with a 42.5p gain to 131.40. Premier Oil attracted interest, and there could be more to come says dealers. The shares ended 1p down at 38.4p.

Hanson continued to gain ground on further rumours that it is considering the sale of Parsons Power Generation Systems to Siemens for 30 million. British Steel back dipped a further 2.5p to 150p. BSkyB recovered ground

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RMC, the supplier of construction materials, which is due to report early figures today, saw late buying lift its shares 26.5p, to 10.01, a rise of nearly 3 per cent. Profits are expected to be hit by problems in a number of markets, with brokers forecasting a 20 per cent drop from last time's £329 million.

more inclined to attribute the rise to recent improvements seen in the aggregates market, with groups such as Tarmac reporting strong results. Tarmac shares added 2.5p to 238p.

Profit-taking ate into early gains at Smiths Industries. Interim profits rose 15 per cent and an upbeat outlook for key markets such as aerospace helped to push the shares to more than 800p before retreat to 780p.

Eager British buyers snapping up Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars failed to stir Vickers, the parent company. First-quarter sales of the luxury cars rose 15 per cent, with a 49

per cent increase in the UK driving up the total number of cars sold to 446. Vickers shares dipped 1p to 225p.

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Caerwile, the car distribution group, added 1p to 134p after Richard Barber, managing director, reported a 28 per cent rise in pre-tax profit and encouraging outlook for 1997.

Danka Business Systems was encouraged 22.5p higher to 512.5p on talk of a 600p target price, while demand for KML-It pushed its price 8.5p higher to 238p.

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PUTTING the finishing touches to the deal that gave Prudential a stake of almost 30 per cent in St James' Place Capital, left Sir Mark Weinberg with only 55 minutes sleep on Tuesday. What's more, Prudential's bid for Scottish Amicable delayed the announcement of St James' Place Capital's nine-month results by almost a week.

Counting votes

NEIL SHERLOCK, director of internal communications at KPMG, has packed away his beans while he campaigns for support as the Liberal Democrat candidate for South West Surrey. "I'm going to topple Virginia Bottomley," boasts the 33-year-old optimist who secured 20,000 votes at the last election. A former president of the Oxford Union, Sherlock beat stiff competition from rival Boris Johnson, Tory candidate for South Clywd, to win the student post in 1985. "I see that as a good omen," he says.

Racing hunger

IN HER bid to boost Brands Hatch, Nicola Foulston is heading for the kitchens at the motor racing circuit. The 29-year-old chief executive has been driven to distraction by fans who, armed with flasks and sandwiches, are not paying a penny to the circuit's caterers. Solution: the Hatchburger — a lip-smacking themed alternative to be launched next month. And now the medieval village of Brands Hatch has finally disappeared, the resourceful Miss Foulston has the trademark rights to the brand name, which will be emblazoned on the burgers' wrappers.



Foulston: burger solution

Heath defects

GARY HEATH, head of the IFA Association, has switched his political allegiance to Tony Blair. Having served as a Conservative councillor in Buckinghamshire from 1989 to 1993, Heath is backing Labour's proposal to create a super-SIS by merging the PIA, Imlu, and the SFA. "I will back anyone who will give constructive change that will help decent people running decent businesses. If that meant voting for the Monster Raving Loony Party, I would vote for them," he says.

Limited welcome

GOOD news for accountants who complain that politicians never take them seriously enough. The Institute of Chartered Accountants was rather startled to find that its Great Hall at Moorgate Place, has been booked by the Labour Party for tomorrow's launch of its Business Manifesto. Tony Blair can expect to find insistent pint-sized gents tugging gently at his elbow, asking for a quiet word about reforming the rules on the limitation of partners' liability.

AFTER valiant efforts to clean up its racy image and let globetrotting fraudsters know that they are no longer welcome to launder or hide their ill-gotten gains in the Caymans, the Islands' Government has had to put the opening of its own stock exchange on hold. No listings have been secured.

MORAG PRESTON

**M**ost of the poorest adults in society are over 65. Most of them have to rely on the basic state pension. They were in low-paid jobs with no pension, or moved around with bouts of unemployment in between, or worked for themselves and could not afford to save money outside the business. Many were just too busy looking after a family to be in the official workforce. All these once shrinking groups are now growing again. Meanwhile, the basic state pension has been shrinking relative to national income for 16 years.

No wonder means-tested benefits are mushrooming, even though an estimated 600,000 pensioners do not claim their full entitlement. No wonder the main parties are worried about the state earnings-related pensions scheme, which was unfavourably introduced on a unfunded basis. Serps is now starting to cost burgeoning billions with a dwindling rate of new contributions to match them. No wonder that both Tories and Labour want to help, persuade or dragon more unprovided people into some form of privately-funded secondary pension.

To that extent, a consensus exists around ideas that the National Association of Pension Funds helped to develop. Policies recently diverged. Peter Lilley, Social Security Secretary, came up with Basic Pension Plus too late for Labour to respond. Common ground remains. No one seems quite to have cracked the issue. And either party seems liable to damage existing private pension and savings schemes by mistake.

The critical area is secondary pensions for

## Parties hunt for the pensions golden goose, then kill it

the lower paid. As many learnt to their cost, individually tailored personal pensions are just too expensive. Replacing Serps with something better requires some simple, low-cost alternative to personal pensions with some choice of provider.

Within an eclectic menu of savings schemes, Labour opts for the "stakeholder" pension. This might be organised on a standard basis by big insurance companies, affinity groups or friendly societies (probably trade unions) or via industry-wide schemes such as those being developed for Unity Trust Bank. So far, however, Labour assumes that the minimum contribution need be no more than the full rebate of National Insurance contributions for contracting out of Serps, less than 5 per cent of income. Anything else must be voluntary.

Mr Lilley spent a lot of time on similar ideas and could not make the economics work. That is why he dreamt up the more drastic notion of converting the basic pension into a privately funded scheme as well. Adding the two together gives enough cash to keep percentage costs low and, eventually, yield a higher base pension.

Basic Pension Plus involves so drastic a



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change that it would not help anyone drawing a pension for nearly 50 years. To fund the transition, today's schoolchildren would lose tax relief on all pension contributions, removing much of the incentive to channel any further savings into indefinite pensions funds. Privatising the basic pension would also require the State to help those who could not afford contributions. Means-tested benefits will be boosted again. Inevitably, more working-age folk will become enmeshed in the benefit trap. The Tory scheme could, on present

polices, eventually provide a bigger pension for have-nots than Labour's stakeholder plan. Either still looks inadequate on its own. Saving less than 5 per cent of income will not keep people at a decent standard in retirement. A minimum is 10 per cent.

People need some help on the basic state pension, at least for the next 60 years. Now that the "demographic timebomb" has been exposed as a hoax, it is clear that the cost of the basic state pension will fall as a percentage of national income more or less continuously over the next 50 years if it is indexed only to prices. If the basic pension budget was kept at its reduced level of about 4 per cent of national income, the pension would rise steadily in real terms, although not as fast as earnings. Labour has avoided any such commitment, presumably because, like the Tories, it wants to raid the basic pension to meet the unfunded Serps burden.

The second essential is to avoid damaging successful existing occupational pensions and savings schemes such as personal equity plans. The Tories rightly crow that the enviable rest of the EU together cannot match Britain's £650 billion invested pension funds. Only a fool imagines that

this success had nothing to do with a kindly pension tax regime. Government will interfere with it at our peril.

Labour is expected to attack the dividend privileges of pension funds, charities and Peps as a conveniently "hidden" tax worth a gross £8 billion a year. The tax may be hidden, but the results are clear. The retirement income people earn by saving in personal pensions, money-purchase occupational schemes or Labour's stakeholder scheme would be cut. Employees in final salary schemes might be all right, if employers stump up the extra funding needed. If they do, under the tougher solvency provisions of the Pensions Act 1995 the net tax gain from pension funds might be zero. More likely, more employers will join the drift to cheap defined contribution schemes that will deliver much lower pensions.

Limiting or abolishing contribution relief, as under Basic Pension Plus, looks equally ill-advised. These reliefs are not just incentives to save. They boost returns. If reliefs are cut, ordinary people's pensions will eventually be cut.

If more people are to earn decent secondary pensions, reliefs must not be watered down, either for fiscal logic or short-term Treasury greed. To minimise compulsion, politicians must trust people to save as they will and as they can in more flexible schemes such as Peps and, one hopes, Labour's Individual Savings Account. If politicians try hard yet find solutions elusive, they had better trust market forces more.

Christine Buckley looks at the practicalities of setting the utilities levy

## Ground rules for Labour's windfall tax

**P**rivately, some anxious Tories representing marginal constituencies have been criticising utilities for being wimpish. These Conservatives are incensed that companies are apparently prepared to give in so easily to a windfall tax. One gave a verbal battering to a generator, incredulous that it was not shouting from the rooftops its opposition to a tax that would wipe millions from profits.

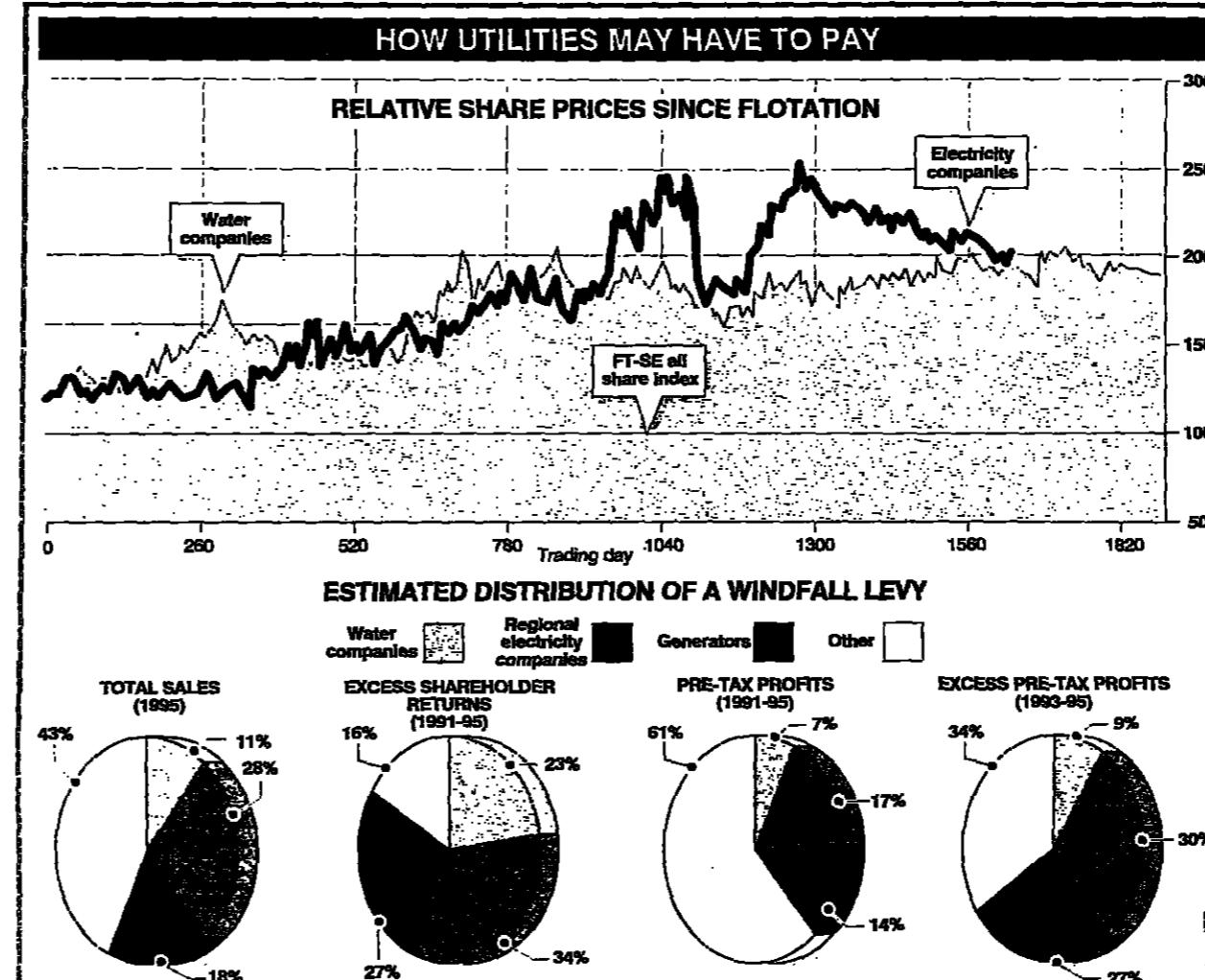
Most utilities have indeed been curiously quiet, although the Conservatives would welcome as a political filip a threatened wholesale rebellion from the utilities. But it will not happen before the election and is unlikely afterwards in the face of a Labour government.

While a legal challenge is not out of the question, the majority of companies are certain to think seriously about the implications of such action. This, as the Institute of Fiscal Studies pointed out yesterday, is ostensibly a politically palatable tax with less sound economic foundations. Any challenge, perhaps by utilities with US owners, would risk the wrath of a new government that could impose far harsher regulation than presently being considered. There is more appetite in the experience of companies and industries varies.

But the experience of companies and industries varies. Herein lies the challenge of drafting a tax to apply across a broad range of utilities, however they may be categorised, and any other privatised companies to be affected.

Mr Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, has refused to be drawn on the definition of a utility. Generally a public utility is taken to mean a service provided for public use such as power, water, transport and telecommunications. Indications are that the net may be cast wide. It could include BT, British Airways, British Airports Authority and a number of other companies who would argue strongly that they operate in internationally competitive environments and therefore should be immune from the tax.

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in terms of profits and share price against other large companies. Recent research for the Trade and Industry Select Committee investigation into energy regulation by the Centre for Regulated Industries provided benchmark comparisons showing outperformance by the utility companies. Other studies, such as one presented to the Royal Economic Society last month on the performance of the regional electricity companies have described profits as "abnormally high".

**T**he decision on which companies to hit will come from the Treasury with little input likely from other departments. So far, amid internal conflict over the tax, Mr Brown has resisted attempts by some divisions of the party to help to shape implementation of the levy. A plan to involve the utilities in regional development through the tax sculpted by Richard Caborn and backed by John Prescott was squashed by Mr Brown. It is possible that such a devolved programme for the levy will resurface with supporters arguing that the utilities, as large employers, would be useful if they were involved in programmes of regional regeneration. They would fund local jobs with their own contributions to the windfall tax with possible incentives to create employment offered through investment partnerships with government.

Labour's trade and industry department is thought to have had little involvement in consultations over the tax. Kim Howells, a frontbench spokesman on trade and industry, last year caused controversy when he indicated that the tax could damage the competitiveness of companies that it was imposed on.

Such arguments, which are bound to be reinforced by the industry, could influence a Labour chancellor to spread the tax more thinly among more companies. One thing that is certain about the tax is that it will be imposed quickly — as soon as the first Budget allows — so that the job creation exercise that it is intended to fund may begin. By June, if the government changes, all should be clear.

## Fading fame of a management 'guru'



Tom Peters, whose reputation is called into question in a new biography

Peters observes that fun has taken over, and it is difficult to find anyone with a good word to say about Peters' most recent books. Moreover, even the merit of *Search* is open to serious question. Crainer writes: "In Search of Excellence" was narrow in perspective, often strikingly banal in its insights; contradictory in its selection process; nationalistic; and written by two unknown management consultants.

Why, then, was it such a success? The answer, as Peters has acknowledged, is down to luck and impeccable timing. The book appeared when the US economy was in the depths of recession. Yet instead of trumpeting the triumphs of Japanese management, as was then the vogue, Peters retained his sense of timing and his antennae for the spirit of the age. He

can take credit for helping to focus managers' minds on the need for continuous change and improvement. Peters is best regarded as a populariser, catalyst and motivator.

Gratifyingly for those who enjoy their prejudices, Peters is better at telling people how to run their businesses than at managing his own. His attempts to build a consultancy business on the back of his success have failed. Crainer says: "Peters' company falls short of the customer service standards that he demands of others — even failing to return telephone calls."

Peters has written a readable account of Peters' career, divided into bite-size sections and leavened with dry wit. After quoting Peters' bizarre analogy between his writing career and anal-retentiveness, Crainer says: "In Search of Excellence's eight principles have survived intact — just the companies haven't."

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## Australia lifts bank takeover controls

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE  
IN SYDNEY

AUSTRALIA is to remove restrictions that prevent foreign companies from taking over domestic banks, it was announced yesterday.

Delivering the Government's response to the seven-month inquiry into the sector, known as the Wallis report, Peter Costello, the Treasurer, said: "The Government has decided to remove the former government's blanket prohibition on a foreign takeover of any of the major banks."

The "six pillars" policy had prevented mergers between Australia's big four banks — ANZ, Westpac, National Australia Bank and Commonwealth Bank — and the two largest pension and life insurance groups, Australian Mutual Provident Society and National Mutual.

Banking analysts said yesterday that the move was good news for Lloyds TSB, HSBC Holdings, and ABN Amro and JING, the Dutch banks, which are all believed to be keen to expand their presence in Australia.

However, Mr Costello said that the Government would retain the power of veto over any foreign bank takeover, saying that any large-scale transfer of ownership into foreign hands would be contrary to the national interest.

The Government also scuppered hopes of a consolidation of the Australian banking sector by prohibiting mergers between the four biggest banks until there was more competition within the industry.

Shares of ANZ and Westpac, which had been seen as bid targets from National Australia Bank, fell, while shares in National Australia Bank and the Commonwealth Bank both rose.

Analysts believe that the Government will now approve Westpac's recently proposed A\$1.4 billion (£674 million) takeover of the Bank of Melbourne, a regional bank.



Lawrence Ward, left, who has been appointed chief executive of Martin International, with Samuel Ling yesterday

## Procter & Gamble to pay \$1.8bn for world-leading Tambrands

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

PROCTER & GAMBLE, the hygiene and household goods group, is making its largest purchase having agreed to buy Tambrands, maker of Tampax tampons, for \$1.8 billion.

P&G is paying \$50 a share for the company. Its only product is Tampax which it began marketing in the 1930s. It is still the world leader with 40 per cent of the tampon market.

ready has market-leading sanitary pads and other feminine protection products.

Controversy already surrounds the deal with allegations of insider trading circulating in some quarters.

The New York Stock Exchange has contacted Tambrands about a surge in trading in its shares over the past few days.

P&G tried to keep the talks

secret, but rumours of an imminent takeover of Tambrands swept the market last week. Trading in the company's options has been unusually heavy on the Chicago Board Options Exchange in the past few days. Trading was also intense on the New York Stock Exchange where Tambrands shares rose \$3 to more than \$46 since last week. The surge

means that the \$50 purchase price represents only a small premium to the current value of the shares. The \$1.8 billion purchase price is 14 times operating income. Analysts regard this as a respectable rating. Tambrands shares have fallen 30 per cent since 1993 amid the bull market for stocks in general.

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## Ionica plans 600 service centre jobs

BY ERIC REGULY

IONICA, the wireless telephony company, is to create 600 jobs at a new service centre in Birmingham. The site will help to support the planned roll-out of commercial operations across the country.

The centre is to open in the summer and will provide marketing and billing services.

Ionica has another service site in Cambridge, employing 700. Announcement of the Birmingham centre comes a month after Ionica raised £215 million in debt and private equity to finance expansion.

The City expects Ionica, whose shareholders include Yorkshire Electricity, Northern

Electric and Morgan Stanley, to float later this year. The original business plan envisaged flotation by the end of 1995, but commercial operations began later than expected.

Ionica said that it plans to cover 80 per cent of homes in the UK, excluding Scotland, by 2002. Service began in eastern England, where more than 14,000 customers have signed up, last June.

□ Telecom Plus, a specialist provider of telecoms services, said it is to join Ofex, the unregulated securities market, through the sale of 2 million shares at 50p each.

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## SA prompts more questions

Self-assessment gives rise to certain taxing concerns, says David Brodie

ON Monday the Inland Revenue started posting eight million new-style self-assessment (SA) tax returns. Tax specialists eagerly await answers to four compelling questions. Is the Revenue capable of administering SA? Will more people turn to professional advisers? Will we witness a mushrooming of "tax shops"? And, how will the Revenue exercise its extensive new audit powers?

The first thing to strike taxpayers will be the look of their tax returns. Instead of a drab form in a brown envelope, it comes in a blue plastic polywrap. It coding for stamping, and a separate guide and booklet explaining the tax calculation.

It is misleading to talk about the tax return. There are 23 versions for different taxpayers' situations. Each has the same initial eight pages requesting common details such as bank and building society interest, payments to pension schemes and other tax reliefs. There may then be extra pages tailored to particular circumstances, to report income from employment, self-employment, rental received from property, capital gains and so on.

Instead of large white spaces for detailed narrative entries, the SA return prefers little boxes which can take only a

number, a tick or a few words. It is a computer input document, to be used by the Revenue to work out your tax. It is no longer sufficient to report your salary as "per PAYE" — a figure must be entered.

You have until January 31 next year to submit the form, although anyone wanting the taxman to compute their outstanding tax — or refund — should file by September 30. This still leaves time to accumulate the necessary information. All employers should provide employees with details of salaries and benefits in kind, on forms P60 and P11D, by May 31 and July 6 respectively. And banks and building societies must provide certificates of interest credited on deposits free of charge upon request.

The Revenue acknowledges that SA has been a massive organisational exercise, and many professionals question its outward confidence that all the pieces are falling safely into place. For example, there have been many reports of conflicting advice being offered by tax districts and head office.

The Revenue also acknowledges that it will not be able to cope if most taxpayers choose to file next January, and so it is encouraging early submission of SA returns. Hence the recent publicity that the taxman will do the calculation for you if you



David Brodie highlights fears about random audits

meet the September 30 deadline. In fact the Revenue will complete the calculation for later filers too, although there may be interest penalties.

There is some contention about the development of electronic lodgement, enabling professional firms to submit clients' returns "down the line". Although the Revenue claims to have met all necessary deadlines, some computer com-

panies blame Revenue delays for their failure to produce relevant software in time.

The proportion of taxpayers seeking professional advice rose to 72 per cent from 20 per cent when SA was introduced in Australia in 1980. Until now, about half of those completing UK tax returns have sought professional help. The Revenue says SA need not drive anyone into the arms of an adviser.

Whatever government is in power after May 1, it will be strapped for cash. SA introduces a power of random audit, and experts fear that taxmen will become tougher in conducting audits, spurred on by Treasury demands for extra tax. The recent jailing of Michael Allcock, the former Inspector, and a series of a few overzealous investigators who have broken the traditional ground rules, have done little to instil confidence that tax investigations will continue to be carried out in a "gentlemanly" way.

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bodies, was a disaster. So it is good to report that its competitor at the time, TEN, the television education network, is going from strength to strength.

This week its Accountants' Channel celebrates its 400th programme — while its relaunched Finance Channel is poised to gain accreditation for CPE, continuing professional education, from CLIMA, the management accounting body.

ROBERT BRUCE

## Smokescreen tactics

NOW that self-assessment has been properly launched upon us, a new controversy has arisen among the ranks of tax advisers. They are worried about the likelihood of local tax offices using their new-found powers to launch a tax investigation without having to give any reason to have a quick go at "curiosity cases", where they have often wondered about the tax affairs of

someone but have never had enough of a reason to investigate.

One of the ways to limit such a trawl is to file the papers as late as possible. The possibility of an enormous quantity of tax returns being filed on January 30 next year, in the hope, as one adviser said, that they will get past in the smokescreen, may prove too tempting.

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## Silent partners

THERE were large numbers of people pretending to be journalists at last week's press launch of the new self-assessment tax forms. In fact most of the large accountancy firms had sent along senior people to observe.

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## Supplier to M&S plans China move

BY CHRIS AYRES

SAMUEL LING, a director and major investor in Martin International, which makes underwear and leisurewear for Marks & Spencer, is investing \$4 million of his own money in the group to develop a new factory in China.

The factory will supply women's underwear to M&S stores in the Far East. Mr Ling, who owns nearly 10 per cent of the company, will subscribe for redeemable preference shares with detachable warrants, giving him the right to subscribe for ordinary shares.

Mr Ling's investment coincides with a significant turnaround in Martin International's fortunes. Yesterday the group reported pre-tax profits of £1.25 million for the year to December 31, compared with a loss of £1.77 million in the preceding year.

Sales were up 23 per cent, from £90.2 million to £111 million, and earnings per share were 2.2p, against losses of 6.1p. An unchanged final dividend of 0.65p, due on July 1, maintains the total at 1.1p.

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

## Aer Lingus operating profits increase 4%

AER LINGUS, the Republic of Ireland's state-owned airline which was on the edge of bankruptcy in 1993, yesterday reported a 4 per cent increase in operating profits to £42 million for 1996. Pre-tax profits jumped 130 per cent to £41 million after a sharp cut in interest charges from more than £20 million to £1 million and an exceptional contribution of £4 million. Turnover was up 9 per cent to £766 million.

In 1995 Aer Lingus received £50 million as the last tranche of a £175 million rescue package agreed with the Irish Government in 1993 to help it out of its financial crisis. Since then it has carried out an overhaul of its activities, which included 1,350 job losses. Bernie Cahill, group chairman, warned that despite the better than expected results, the company would continue to seek further cost reductions. He added that the improved financial position enhanced the prospects of finding a partner for a strategic alliance.

## Disposal hits Lamont

A LOSS on the disposal of Shaw's Carpets sent Lamont Holdings, the Northern Ireland textiles group, £5.6 million into the red last year. A year earlier the company made a pre-tax profit of £9.7 million. The Shaw's sale led to a loss of £8.1 million in the year to December 31, and elimination of £3.5 million of goodwill. Loss per share was 20.6p (22.5p earnings). The final dividend, maintained at 9.15p, is payable on June 13, making a constant full-year 12.8p.

## Abbot aims overseas

ABBOT GROUP, the fast-growing oil services company, is planning a sharp overseas expansion which it hopes will more than double its revenues from overseas oilfields. The company hopes to complete the business shift without any more acquisitions. The enlarged group earned pre-tax profits of £7.45 million in 1996. Earnings were 4.6p a share (3.5p loss) and a final dividend of 1.25p lifts the total to 1.92p (1.68p). The shares rose 4p to 134p.

## Caverdale higher

CAVERDALE, the motor retailing, industrial products and motorcycle accessories group, yesterday reported a 28 per cent rise in pre-tax profits from £4.2 million to £5.4 million for the year ended December 31. The results were helped by strong performances from the motor retailing and industrial products divisions. Overall sales were up 31 per cent, from £187.5 million to £245.8 million. A final dividend of 2p (1.8p) will be paid on July 1, making the total 3.0p (3p).

## Cirqual pays interim

CIRQUAL, the specialist engineering company that joined the Alternative Investment Market last summer, yesterday reported a rise in interim pre-tax profits to £2.78 million (£1.34 million) for the six months to February 28. Turnover was also up, from £9.19 million to £13.47 million, and earnings per share increased from 5.44p to 8.26p. An interim dividend of 3.27p (nil) will be paid on May 28. The company intends to pay a matching final dividend. The shares rose 9.4p to 250p.

## Chesterfield sale

CHESTERFIELD PROPERTIES has sold a 600,000 sq ft property portfolio, comprising five industrial estates, for a total of £18.92 million, taking total property sales over the past six months to £16.2 million. The sale price reflects an initial net yield of 11.6 per cent, said the group. Most of the portfolio, in Herrford, Egham, Norwich and Newcastle, generating £2.1 million a year in rental income, has been acquired by the Mars Pension Trustees for £17.45 million.

## Advisers may still have the last laugh

THE Inland Revenue unveiled the final version of its tax return for the brave new world of self-assessment last week and some eight million of them are now clogging up postal services across the country. The form has brought mixed responses. People in the tax world are caught between two difficult points.

There is nothing a tax adviser likes better than to rubish what the tax authorities are up to. It is after all, good for business if the Revenue is perceived to be doing things in an over-complex and wrong-headed way. So the natural response is to spread tales of woe.

But the Revenue has worked extraordinarily hard at self-assessment and while its boast that we now possess "the best tax return worldwide" doesn't say much for the competition the form is probably as good as something as complex as a tax return can be. As advisers, once they have had their rant, are tending to say things that constitute praise for the Revenue, even if the compliments are expressed quietly. It is this confusing position of having

two contradictory positions that will be the central problem for tax advisers in the coming year.

Swathes of press releases greeted the new forms. Ernst & Young, for example, quoted Phil Davis, its astute national head of tax investigations: "The Inland Revenue deserve our congratulations for the design of the new tax return." But in another press release on the same day he is quoted as saying: "My advice to those who receive a tax return is BEWARE." The problem is that the introduction of self-assessment is going rather well — much better than anyone dared to hope. But the business of tax advice depends on things going wrong and the adviser sorting them out. Doug Smith is the Revenue's self-assessment programme director. Asked how many more taxpayers would need to hire a tax adviser, he said: "None. No one who hasn't already got an adviser should need an adviser."

THE Inland Revenue is putting enormous emphasis on two things: its support systems and its ability to calculate the tax for a taxpayer. It has set up 40 work stations through which to run its helpline. And, if taxpayers can get the forms back to the Revenue by the end of September, it will do the tax calculations for them based on the information submitted.

All this depends on a huge change in the tax advice system. There is no reason why people

shouldn't put aside a series of evenings, wrap the towels around their heads and get the form filled out. But however you simplify it, any tax form is still going to worry and baffle the person filling it in. For the Revenue and for seasoned tax people the forms are logical and clear to follow. But there are, to the Revenue, a surprising number of people who struggle with the logic of instructions such as "if W65 is less than £500, you do not need to make a payment on account. Leave 18.6p blank and tick 18.8 on your tax return. If W65 is equal to or more than £500, carry on." The number of people who are going to fall at some hurdle or other will not become much smaller because the form is redesigned. John Whiting, head of tax at Price Waterhouse, sat in on the Revenue's press launch as an observer and, though happy with the signs that the new system is a more efficient one, remained unhappy about the optimism expressed. He cited the failure rate on this year's effort in getting forms in on time: "If this year's figures are repeated, then a million people will pay penalties next year." And he emphasised the huge change in behaviour that will be required to make the system work.

It is all too easy for the Revenue to believe its own booklets and assume that everyone will jump to it, gather up their personal documents, follow the forms from box to box







## ■ FILM 1

With *The People vs. Larry Flynt* Milos Forman returns to something like his old irreverent self



## ■ FILM 2

Nihilism runs riot in Swansea, or at least it does in the loulish Swansea of *Twin Town*



## ■ FILM 3

After the lucrative return of *Star Wars*, the (slightly) enhanced *Empire Strikes Back* hits the screens again



## ■ FILM 4

Half Nelson? Is the new documentary film of Nelson Mandela's life too reverential?

CINEMA: Geoff Brown finds himself rooting for the bad guy in Milos Forman's ebullient *The People vs. Larry Flynt*

# For a good time, call on the scumbag

**A**fter being shot by a sniper outside a Georgia courthouse, an event that puts him in a wheelchair, millionaire pornographer Larry Flynt says: "I've got to move somewhere where perverts are welcome." We cut immediately to his next port of call, Hollywood.

The joke is amusing, yet it also alerts us to the unusual status of *The People vs. Larry Flynt* in mainstream American cinema. Milos Forman's rollercoaster ride through the life of the brazen publisher of *Hustler* magazine takes place mostly between 1972 and 1984, years when conservative forces increasingly stifled the iconoclastic spirit bequeathed by the 1960s.

Today's Hollywood, by and large, is even more conformist than the Hollywood Flynt knew. It loves formulae: it loves to play safe. But here is Woody Harrelson, Flynt's impersonator, wearing the American flag as a nappy, flinging oranges at a judge and arguing all the way to the Supreme Court the right to suggest for satirical purposes that the Rev Jerry Falwell, high priest of the religious right, had sex with his own mother.

We expect confrontation from Oliver Stone, the film's co-producer. We expect eccentricities from scriptwriters Scott Alexander and Larry Karaszewski: they gave us *Ed Wood*. But we have forgotten to expect anything outlandish from Forman. True, he satirised Czech society in the 1960s and championed the American outsider in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. But since the 1980s Forman has either been lost to lavish period dramas or marooned on unfulfilled projects: this is his first film since *Voltaire* in 1989. While a few notches below his very best work, *Larry Flynt* reminds us vividly of his humane and irreverent spirit, grasp of comic detail and knack for assembling an

**The People vs. Larry Flynt**  
Warner West End  
18, 130 mins  
Bracing portrait of the American pornographer

**Twin Town**  
Warner West End  
18, 99 mins  
Rough and nasty comedy drama set in Swansea

**The Empire Strikes Back**  
Odeon Leicester Square  
U, 126 mins  
... but doesn't deliver a knockout punch

**Bits and Pieces**  
Everyman, 15, 110 mins  
Absorbing tapestry of Italian life

**Total Eclipse**  
ABC Piccadilly  
18, 106 mins  
Unequivocal drama about Rimbaud and Verlaine

If the film had been made closer to the events it describes, no doubt Forman's attack would be sharper: for all the outrageousness on display, the film is still soft round the edges. But even diluted anarchy is welcome when so much American cinema only offers more of the same: guns, blood and space ships.

If outrageousness comes naturally to a movie about Larry Flynt, in Kevin Allen's *Twin Town* you can feel the film-makers straining to outdo themselves in antisocial behaviour. We start with joyriding, drugs and solvent abuse: the British cinema's new calling cards following the success of *Trainspotting*, whose production team (Andrew Macdonald and Danny Boyle) helped to launch this latest missile. Only the particular regional setting — the mean streets and caravan parks of Swansea — provides any novelty.

**T**hen, after a ragged comic half-hour, characters stop banging around the screen like pinballs and generate a tit-for-tat plot. The father of two tearaway brothers falls from a roof while working. The contractor (William Thomas) offers no compensation. The brothers (Rhys Ifans and Llyr Evans, real-life siblings) declare open warfare. A cherished poodle is decapitated. People are urinated upon, trussed up in their garage, set on fire. The malice and cruelty become overwhelming.

The film would be easier to bear if Kevin Allen, a television actor with some football documentaries to his credit, displayed a firm hand as a director. But he shows his images on to the screen with the same reckless force by which his characters live. He can inspire vigorous performances and concoct vivid moments: take the roadside collision between the twins and a marching band in national dress. But he cannot

move the film forward from one scene to the next, or secure even passing sympathy for the drug-dealers, bent coppers and fools who populate this Swansea. Two-fingered gestures are fine in cinema if they are real meaning, real rage, behind them: *Twin Town* is only being nihilistic and nasty because it is fashionable.

Set your weapons for stun.

Darth Vader orders his minions in *The Empire Strikes Back*, like its predecessor, *Star Wars*, back on screen in a new edition. George Lucas and his director Irvin Kershner must have given their troops the same command when the film moved into active production in 1979. Compared to *Star Wars* there is more of everything: hurtling

space ships, laser beam battles, fantastic creatures, even human characterisation. "Improvements" to the new print include digital treatment of the opening snow battle, and an enlarged cityscape for the floating HQ of Billy Dee Williams' shifty Lando Calrissian.

Are we stunned? Not really, least of all by Yoda, the tiresome creature who furthers Luke Skywalker's understanding of the Force. But fans of the original will flock to see how time has treated Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher and company. The rest of us can shuffle off to the ABC Panton Street, London, where *Orson Welles's Citizen Kane*, is back on view.

Considering that some

people are hammered to death and shot by a contract killer, the absorbing Italian film *Bits and Pieces* is remarkably sanguine about the cruelties of life. One reason, perhaps, is that nothing is dwelt upon: here is a film with more than 60 characters and some 30 miniature stories, woven together in a tapestry depicting one day in Rome from dawn to dusk.

This is the second feature of director Antonello Grimaldi, and he composes his city symphony with an affection shadowed by unease about urban pressures. He admits to the influence of Robert Altman, but the Altman of *Nashville* rather than *Short Cuts*. The film's cumulative

power derives in part from Grimaldi's use of trivial incidents: here are bruising encounters with shopkeepers and traffic wardens, casual revelations of deception and infidelity.

A few well-known faces dot the cast — Enrico Lo Verso, as a romantically inclined postman, will be the most familiar. But everyone blends in seamlessly in Rome's streets, offices and bars that much time is spent at home. This is a ruminative, small-scale epic, a film to seek out and savour.

Bad behaviour is not the preserve only of Kevin Allen's Swansea. French 19th-century poets could be brutes too. Look at *Total Eclipse*, where Leonardo DiCaprio's Rimbaud spends far more time belching

ing, spitting and stabbing Verlaine's hand than writing, while Verlaine himself (David Thewlis) enjoys kicking his pregnant wife.

The film, shot largely in France early in 1995, is a belated adaptation of Christopher Hampton's play, written when he was 18. He does not bring mature wisdom to revisiting his text: there is no suggestion that human flaws acknowledged, these two are great poets. Neither Agnieszka Holland's direction, nor the cast help Holland's close-ups emphasise the unsavoury. Thewlis is distinctly unpleasant, while DiCaprio's performance recalls the Tom Hulce effect in *Amadeus* — a European artist is turned into an American brat.

## The making of Mandela

Nigel Williamson meets the man who filmed South Africa's president

**F**or some reason the world's leading movie-makers have shied away from one of the most powerful sagas of the 20th century. The Nelson Mandela story is the very stuff from which instant legends — and epic movies — are made. Yet only now, seven years after he was freed from prison and three years after he was elected president, has Mandela become the subject of a full-length, big-screen, Oscar-nominated biopic.

The film director Jo Menell first suggested the picture to the ANC leader in 1993. For 20 years a hot-shot television correspondent, Menell had returned to his native South Africa following the lifting of a 20-year ban, and met Mandela at a family celebration.

"He is a very good friend of my brother Clive, who still lives there, and he came to my niece's wedding. I asked him how his autobiography was going, then I asked him who was making the film. 'No one,' said Mandela. 'I told him there and then that I wanted to make it. He said OK.'

What Menell had in mind was not some glossy Hollywood blockbuster starring Morgan Freeman or Denzel Washington, but a warts-and-all documentary film on an unlimited fly-on-the-wall access in the run-up to the democratic elections of 1994.

Mandela agreed without restriction, and also wrote to friends, family and colleagues asking them to co-operate.

"We agreed that Mandela would have the right to correct any factual errors but that was all," Menell says. "He told me to go out and look for criticism, he urged me to ask the difficult questions."

Some will say that in this last respect Menell has failed, but the director claims it was virtually impossible to find anyone prepared to criticise.

There are no scenes in which Mandela loses his temper, behaves unreasonably or treats people badly — because

says Menell, in seven months of constant filming, such moments simply never occurred.

The only discernible flaw concerns his children. "He was a terrible father, never there for his kids, always putting politics first." The film deals unsentimentally with the way Mandela cast aside his first wife, Evelyn, and the subsequent marriage to and separation from Winnie, who is interviewed at length. "I am glad she comes across sympathetically because she went through a lot, I thought Mandela might ask us to remove his love letters from prison which she made available to our agreement."

If Menell's film is not a critical portrait it is certainly a candid and intimate one. Mandela is seen making his own bed (a habit he has apparently been unable to break from prison days) and arguing with his aides over changing a shirt he has worn for two days ("people only took at my face").

Very rarely Mandela allows himself to become emotional; there can have been few more moving scenes on celluloid than Mandela's return to Robben Island. "I took him back for the first time and he looked around his old cell and said, 'Much smaller than I imagined.' Then he talked of his mother's last visit and how he knew he wouldn't see her again because she was very ill. I couldn't ask any other questions after that. He stood there in silence and we let the camera run."

The most revealing contrast

between the private man and the public figurehead came

when Mandela learnt of the assassination of Chris Hani, the former chief of staff of the ANC's military wing. "He loved Hani, who was his logical successor. When he heard he put his head in his hands with grief for five minutes and said nothing. But he was meeting some white rugby team, big tough Africans. He went out there and greeted every one of them and said pleased to meet you as if nothing had happened. There is the steel."

Menell's picture lost out as

best documentary in the Osca

rs to the *Muhammad Ali* biopic, yet he is philosophical.

"I didn't make this movie to be a big box office. What I hope is that people will still be watching the video in years to come, that they will treasure it as a record of a most extraordinary event."

● *Mandela opens at the Ritzy in Brixton tomorrow, followed by selected regional release*

## 'A tour de force'

Every week, young film fans discuss the latest releases...

□ **THE PEOPLE VS. LARRY FLYNT**

George Lamb, 18: The most snappy and acidic film I've seen about a porn-again Christian.

Tim Thornton, 21: A tour de force from Milos Forman. A terrific cast, touching and hilarious throughout.

Damian Samuels, 19: Well-acted and highly entertaining film which deserved more notice at this year's Academy Awards.

Leslie Isaiah Thomas, 18: A moving and important film. Courtney Love's performance was appropriate.

□ **TWIN TOWN**

George: A downbeat *Trainspotting* without the edge.

Tim: A gripping romp, although in some places the violent thrills and the comedy

did not blend as well as they might have.

Damian: *Shallow Grave* meets *Funny Bones* meets *the Engine* in this brilliant black comedy.

Leslie: Will do for Wales what drugs and porn have done for Holland.

□ **THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK**

George: Once again George Lucas delivers the goods. The second of the Big Three will no doubt double its cult following.

Tim: A non-stop action-packed rollercoaster. If you see one out of the three *Star Wars* films make it this one.

Damian: Unlike the *Police Academy* series, this proves that sequels can be equals.

Leslie: Striking stuff.



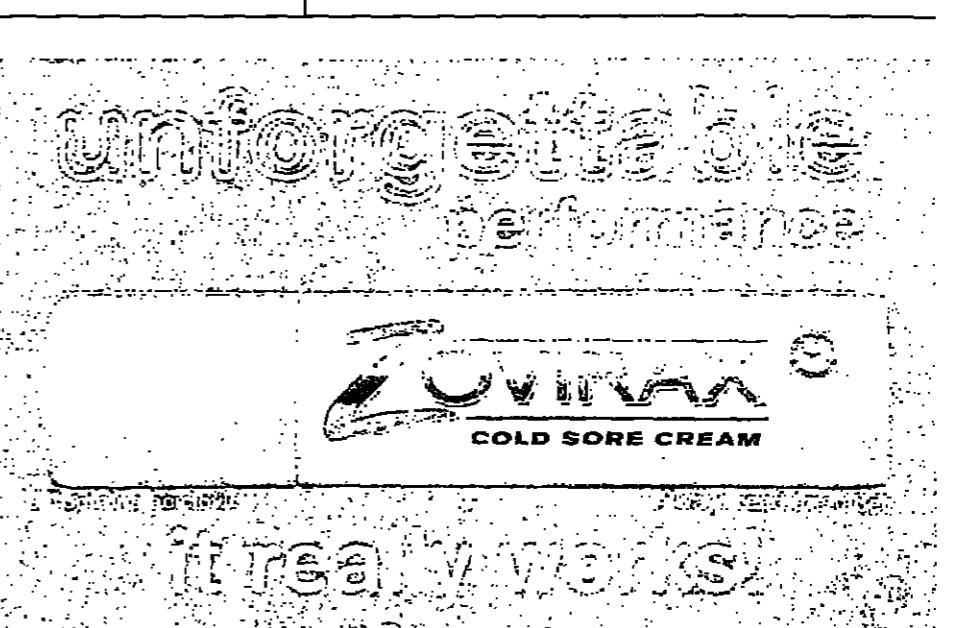
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Jo Menell (rear) with his co-director Angus Gibson and Nelson Mandela during the seven months of filming





■ CHOICE 1  
George Orwell's  
*Animal Farm*  
plays at home  
and abroad

VENUE: Previews begin  
tonight at the Young Vic



■ CHOICE 2  
Return of the  
prodigal: Nigel  
Kennedy plays  
Hendrix and Bach

VENUE: Tonight at  
the Festival Hall

## THE TIMES ARTS



■ NEW VIDEOS  
Kurt Russell  
blasts out  
of futuristic  
Los Angeles; and  
Gary Cooper makes  
*A Farewell to Arms*



■ NEW CDS  
EMI's Debut  
series celebrates  
Thomas Adès and  
other rising  
stars of  
classical music

### LONDON

ANIMAL FARM. Northern Stage's vigorous adaptation of Orwell's popular fable plays a short season in London before its international tour.

Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (0171-223 6850). Preview Sat 11 April, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat. Tues and Thurs, 2pm. Until 3 May.

THE HERBAL BED. Peter Whelan's (longstanding) play transfers from the Barbican; some cast changes but Terence Bentham continues to play Sir Robert. The Royal Exchange, 20 St. Stephen's Square, London EC1 (0171-904 5079). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens April 16, 7.30pm. Then Tues-Sat, 7.30pm; mat. Tues and Thurs, 2pm. Until 3 May.

NIGEL KENNEDY. The innovative violinist is joined by John Etheridge, guitar, and Rory McFarlane, double-bass, in a programme which juxtaposes solo violin works by Bach and Bartók with energetic interpretations of Jimi Hendrix. Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight, 7.30pm.

WALLACE & GIROMETTI. The Oscar-winning plasticine characters created by Nick Park make their theatrical debut in *A Grand Day Out*, a new adventure for all the family written and directed by Andrew Dawson

### TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts  
and entertainment  
compiled by Gillian Mosey

Chichester, High Street (0124-460 8877). Tonight Thurs, 7.45pm. Fr. and Sat, 8pm. Sun, 4pm. Until April 19.

### ELSEWHERE

IPSWICH. Regional premiers of Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia*, bittersweet and witty, set in a stone house today and in the 18th century. The Old Vic (0172-262126). Opens tonight, 7.45pm; then Tues-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8pm; mat. Wed (April 18, 23, 28, 30pm; Sun, 4pm). Until April 26.

MANCHESTER. Gareth Tudor Price directs Contact Theatre Company in Steven Whittaker's adaptation of Kafka's *The Metamorphosis*. The Studio, Darsene Lane, Oxford Road (0161-274 4400). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat. Wed (April 23, 29, 30pm; Sun, 4pm). Until April 26.

MOLD. Martin Duncan directs *Melos*. Yerolemou in the title role of Goldoni's *The School for Two Miserables*. Zany miseries will cook spaghetti in the orchestra pit. Antony Hopkins Studio, Theatr Clwyd

■ ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA. Jonathan Oliver and Alphonse Emmanuel play the infatuated lovers in Carol Mair's production set in 1940s Egypt and Rome. The Old Vic, Bridge Lane, EC2 (0171-936 3458). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens April 11, 7.30pm. Then Tues-Sat, 7.30pm; mat. Sun, 7.30pm. Until 3 May.

■ BIRDY. Northern Exposure actor Rob Moran plays Kevin Knight's cast in *North Wind*, a new version of the Wuthering Heights novel. Comedy, Parson Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat. Wed, Thurs, 8pm. Sun, 8pm.

■ CIGARETTES AND CHOCOLATE. An affair, a pregnancy, Bach and a big lady feature in this stage version of the much-loved film *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller. *Death in the Moon*, 392 King's Road, SW1 (0171-261 2878). Tue-Sun, 8pm. Until April 27.

■ CRACKED. In Daniel Hill's comic comedy set in the desert, a cast of nine Londoners and a troupe of American Alexander Hanson, members of an army unit intended to treat traumatised soldiers. Under pressure, they fall apart. Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-350 2200). Preview tonight, 7.30pm. Opens April 15, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat. Sat, 3.30pm.

■ THE CRITICS — UP FOR REVIEW. Four theatre critics, including the assessor for this guide, hazard their reputation by testing their skills at

### THEATRE GUIDE

Jenney Kingston's assessment  
of theatre showing in London  
■ House full, returns only  
■ Some seats available  
■ Seats at 80s price

directing. Michael Billington chooses *Strindberg's The Stronger and Pioneer: The Lover*; James Christopher tackles *New Men by the Young*; *7th Shoes* (Steve Davies); Michael Johnstone directs *Anouilh's The Traveller Without Luggage*; and Jeremy Kingston goes for *Michel Tremont's Alberta in Five*. *Death in the Moon* (John Simm); *ABC Miserables* and *Shades 1 and 2*. *Lavender Hill*, SW1 (0171-222 2223). Opens tonight and tomorrow. Then Tues-Sat; mat. Sun, various times. For details ring box office. Until August 27.

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## THEATRE

Siân Phillips is magnificent, but la Dietrich is poorly served by the tepid *Marlene*



## POP 1

Cast show their limitations and superficiality in Dublin at the start of their big tour



## POP 2

... but Marianne Faithfull is hypnotic as she evokes Weimar Germany in her new show



## MUSIC

Sliding to fame: Christian Lindberg, virtuoso trombonist, has reshaped his own instrument

THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale sees *Marlene* fall flat on its transfer to the West End



Siân Phillips, "her tall, tapering figure encased in that glittering sheath" gives her considerable all as Marlene Dietrich. The legend herself is not nearly as forthcoming, and the likes of Lou Gish (right) are mere ciphers in Pam Gems's play

## Siân brighter than the star

**W**hen I saw Pam Gems's *Marlene* in Oldham last October, I found myself less keen on the play than on the actress at its core. Despite the tinkering and tampering that has occurred since then, *this remains the case*. From the moment she swans up the aisle at the Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, magnificently trumpeting "Did I have a good trip? Is Bismarck a herring?", Siân Phillips is in effortless command of the faces blinking up at her. But is *Marlene* itself much more distinguished than these comedown shows that have recently been cramping the West End with tuneful tooties and potted bios? Not really.

Gems has always been fascinated by women who struggle to succeed in a male world. Hence her portraits of Queen Christina, Camille and, above all, the Piaf whom Dietrich regarded as "the empress" to her own "slave with the jar on the head". Whether or not that's a fair assessment, the French chanteuse emerges from the dramatic fray more interestingly and impressively than the German one. Piaf is the embattled survivor, feistily warring with her own self-destructive instincts. Dietrich is the glamorous grannie who cannot resist the roar of the Holocaust and her subsequent return to an accusing, rejecting Germany, considerably raises the temperature of Sean Mathias's production.

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Phillips gives us some from *Lili Marlene* to *Falling in Love Again*, and, especially when her tall, tapering figure is encased in that famously glittering sheath, sounds pretty good. In between she tells us just a little about 1930s Hollywood ("a sleepy village on the edge of nowhere") and her variegated love-life, but virtually nothing about her Junkers upbringing or life with her pet Svengali, the director Josef von Sternberg.

Even so, Phillips does not falter and, when she comes to the Holocaust and her subsequent return to an accusing, rejecting Germany, considerably raises the temperature of Sean Mathias's production.

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## Sixties old, new and borrowed

## POP

opening night salient, no such malady afflicted the Manic Street Preachers, who recently also began a lengthy tour in this city. Cast must dig deeper in future.

**M**arianne Faithfull ended her UEA show in Norwich with a weatherbeaten version of *As Tears Go By*, her first hit from 30 years ago, *John Street* writes. Then she was a pale, vulnerable convent girl; now she is a grandmother who has kicked a drug habit and made some fine rock albums. And when she sashays on stage, fixing her audience with a steady stare and a broad smile, she manages to summon up an entire era — from wide-eyed innocence to world-weariness.

Although ostensibly an evocation of Weimar Germany, this 90-minute set is more autobiography than social history. It may be loosely pegged to the career of Kurt Weill, but it is more securely anchored to her own story.

Weill's collaborations with Bertolt Brecht provide her with the opportunity to act out tiny musical dramas. With *Alabama Song*, *Pirate Jenny* and *Surabaya Johnny*, she is the angry victim. With *Mack the Knife* and *The Ballad of Sexual Dependency*, she is the cynical observer musing on the world's harsh ways.

She may not always hit the note, and her accent may slip erratically, from Cockney to Home Counties, but her husky voice is a perfect medium for Weill's melodies. Only when she borrows from Noel Coward does she fall.

A table, chair and stool are her only props, and pianist Paul Trueblood her only companion. But with these and some nicely told stories Faithfull provides an evening in which the attractions divide equally between the songs, the singing and the singer.

## Blowing his own patent

MUSIC: Hilary Finch meets the trombonist who has invented an instrument to meet his needs



Christian Lindberg: have trombone, will experiment

The fax machine was the only part of the rambling apartment high on Stockholm's Valhallavägen over which my prying eyes were forbidden to wander. I could pan over the piles of laundry for four children, the wallpaper-jigsaw of their paintings, the old Swedish tiled stove. But this machine was out of bounds. It had just yielded the formula for a revolutionary type of trombone valve, the definitive Christian Lindberg model is about to be patented.

The instrument itself has never quite recovered from Lindberg's assault on it when he was 17. From a school Dixieland band, Lindberg descended into the Stockholm Opera pit — orchestras were where trombones lived in those days. After a year he climbed out and decided he would either have to quit music altogether, or go his own way. He packed his trombone, studied in London and Los Angeles, then came home and won the Nordic Soloists' Biennale.

Lindberg was snapped up by the BIS record company, and a worldwide search for repertoire for the trombone began. He found and published lost concertos for

Zarts father and by Michael Haydn. Within 15 years, too, more than 50 new works had been composed specially for Lindberg.

Of course, a brave and ever-expanding new world of brass virtuosos needed not only new composers but new, more flexible instruments too — which is where the secret-formula valve comes in. Lindberg has already experimented with different metals and a new mouthpiece; now the complicated maze of plumbing, invented in the 1830s to help with low notes, is being replaced by a single, curving valve, manipulated into gear-change by one speedy thumb-click.

"The fewer the bends, the straighter the instrument, the clearer the sound," Lindberg explains. "It's as simple as that. What I have done is to try

to restore the unique, divine voice of the pre-valve trombone, while retaining the flexibility of the valve."

The new Christian Lindberg trombone, set to be the Rolls-Royce of the instrument, will be tried out at the weekend in Birmingham's two-week Sounds of Sweden festival. Tomorrow's world première of a piece commissioned by Iannis Xenakis in his 75th birthday year, for Lindberg and the eight marimbas of the Swedish percussion ensemble Kroumata, will be followed on Sunday by another festival première, Jan Sandström's *Cantos de la Mancha*.

**S**andström, Lindberg's closest collaborator, is the man who changed the trombone into a Harley-Davidson in the *Motorbike Concerto* of 1989, a musical experience once heard — and seen — never forgotten. *Cantos* is a new 15-minute concert to which is a pocket version of the 35-minute *Don Quixote de la Mancha* to be premiered by the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra next month.

In *Cantos de la Mancha* Lindberg frequently has to sing and play at the same time, and does one or two other things besides. "By the end, I really feel that I have been a human being," he says. "I have made all the mistakes that are not allowed for a soloist. I have thrown everything off, done it all, revealed everything." Birmingham may never be the same again.

• Xenakis's *Xylos*, tomorrow; Sandström's *Cantos de la Mancha*, Sunday, both at 7.30pm, Atrium, Brindley Hall, Birmingham 0121-212 3333

## THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERS

## LONDON

## Arts Theatre

Apr 21-22 (7pm)

• WHAT do the poetic inhabitants of a mythical Welsh seaside town and a farmyard of politically active animals have in common? The answer is Guy Masterson, whose one-man evocations of *Under Milk Wood* and *Animal Farm* were hits at the Edinburgh Festival and are now set to take London by storm. Club members can buy two tickets for the price of one (normally £14) for *Milk Wood* (Apr 21) and *Animal Farm* (Apr 22). Tel 0171-836 3334, quoting your membership number.

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# When the sun finally set in the East

**Lawrence Norfolk**  
learns why the  
wheels had to fall  
off the European  
powers' imperial  
rickshaws

**A** glance at the map which prefacing John Keay's latest book admires the problem which faces any historian of the Far East: it looks like the aftermath of an explosion. Peninsulas dangle off filigree coastlines and islands pit the sea like grapes. There are, literally, thousands of them, including three of the world's four largest and a majority of the smallest. Historians have been known to wander for years in this tangle of detail. Some never come out.

Students of Britain's history in the East know John Keay for a masterly (and, more rare yet, readable) history of the East India Company which avoided the trap of trying to work out what exactly "The Company" was by concentrating instead on what it did. A similarly inspired slicing of the Gordian knot is apparent in *Last Post*.

Keay begins with an overview of the situation to 1930. The Dutch held what is now Indonesia while, across the Malacca Strait, the British held present-day Malaysia along with Singapore, Shanghai, Sarawak, Hong Kong, Weihaiwei, Johore, Labuan, and the Dindings. Many of these names were even less familiar in 1930 than they are now. Some were not actually colonies at all but protectorates, and others were leased. The French claimed present-day Vietnam, Laos, and

**LAST POST**  
The End of Empire in the East  
By John Keay  
John Murray, £22  
ISBN 0 7195 5346 6

Cambodia, together with some tenuous footholds in China, while America had ejected and supplanted the Spanish in the Philippines only 30 years before. There was no "Empire" as such, but rather "empires", all differently acquired, maintained, and regarded by the different colonial powers.

Faced with this material, Keay's method is to set seemingly isolated "incidents" within the much wider context that produced them. Thus the development of Bali's tourist industry is sourced in a book of 1930 called *The Last Paradise* (typical sentence: "The bronze bowls of her maiden breasts projected angular, living shadows"). But it is also traced back to the massacres by which the Dutch first pacified then colonised the island in 1906-08.

Some "incidents" remain so singular that even Keay cannot incorporate them into his narrative. The acquisition of Sarawak by the "White Raj" of the Brooke family is one such. Captain James Brooke was accorded the sovereignty of Sarawak by the Sultan of Brunei in the 1840s in return for his actions against the pirates of the South China Sea. Finding themselves acclaimed as popular rulers by their subjects, the Brooke dynasty then spent the next hundred years trying to extricate themselves from their kingdom, only truly succeeding in 1941 when Sarawak was invaded by the Japanese. Keay comments: "An anachronism as well as an anomaly, Sarawak nicely encapsulates the contradictions of British empire in the East."

That sentence is the sound that one hand makes when thrown up in bewilderment. It is a sound rarely heard in *Last*



Bowing out of empire: a poster depicting the 1963 union of Singapore, Sabah, Sarawak and Malaya into the new Malaysia; but by 1965 Singapore — the young man in shirt and trousers — had left to go it alone

Post because Keay has not only mastered his vast mass of material but also resolved to stick to it. This can result in some magnificently insouciant compressions: "As the Chinese empire became a stuttering republic and then an erratic experiment in Marxist-Leninist socialism . . ." or, even better, "Like one stricken with senile impotence, the British found that losing the means to perform coincided with losing the inclination."

Cleaving to the faultlines whose gradual widening he charts, hopping between flashpoints and bridgeheads, Keay still manages to evoke the slow and near-invisible movement which brought the European empires to their various ends. Its causes, by Keay's reckoning, were: rice, nationalism, stupidity, muddle, the Second World War, and the Dakota transport plane. Add British absentmindedness, Dutch intransigence, French arrogance, and American naivety, and it is a wonder, or a horror, that the Empire finally collapsed.

Keay himself succumbs to neither reaction. *Last Post* is a model of narrative history, coolly presented and perfectly paced. It espouses no Grand Theory, preferring instead the far more difficult task of telling a vast, complicated, and still-controversial story with both passion

and insight. Keay's triumph is to render this story intelligible without being forced to sacrifice the details, for the details are the point. If there was a single factor which would render the Empires of the Far East ultimately ungovernable from without, it was their delirious heterogeneity.

**T**o end by way of an illustration, here is Josef von Sternberg, as quoted by Keay, confronting a multi-storey pleasure palace in 1930s Shanghai: "When I had entered the hot stream of humanity there was no turning back even had I wanted to . . . The fifth floor featured girls whose dresses were slit to the armpits, a stuffed whale, story-tellers, balloons, peep-shows, masks, a mirror-maze, two love-letter booths whose scribes guaranteed results, rubber goods, and a temple filled with ferocious gods and joss sticks."

Keay navigates this world of smoke and mirrors with the confidence of his considerable learning and the result is a stylish book of clarity and argumentative vigour.

Lawrence Norfolk's latest novel, *The Pope's Rhinoceros*, is published by Minerva, priced £6.99.

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# Shriven on the holy isles

**Jan Morris** on the harsh lives of the ancient monks of Skellig

**SUN DANCING**  
By Geoffrey Moorhouse  
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £18.99  
ISBN 0 297 81595 4

**N**obody but Geoffrey Moorhouse, I think, could have written this wonderfully imaginative book about one of the most remarkable religious settlements of western Christianity, the medieval Celtic monastery on the Irish islands of Skellig. It is a subject precisely suited to his particular gifts — a feel for things spiritual, a tough taste for the ascetic, a grave and disciplined descriptive prose, human sympathy and absolute honesty. Others might taint the subject with the lurid or the sensational, or alternatively deaden it with book-learning: Moorhouse, to my mind, gets the mixture just right, and gives us an almost hallucinatory vivid re-enactment of a very peculiar human experience.

It was in the 6th century that monks of the Celtic Church first settled on the precipitous, uninhabited and storm-swept Skelligs, which lie eight miles in the Atlantic off the coast of Co Kerry. They remained

those who can accept that an entirely introspective and unproductive way of life, centred around constant prayer and masochistic discomfort, in some way brings the soul closer to God. Devised in the first place by the holy men of Middle Eastern deserts, living on the tops of pillars or immured in caves for years at a time, this mode of dedication seems even more grotesque when it is translated to the fierce seas of the Atlantic, and to add to the terrible nature of the islands, time and again the monks were raided by Vikings — just as awful as the fabulous beasts and forked devils who plagued the Desert Fathers.

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there, in conditions of appalling voluntary hardship, until the 13th century. Since then the islands have been uninhabited again, except for transient hermits, pilgrims, lighthouse keepers and tourists, but there remain the stone walls and ruined oratories of the monastery: from these relics, high on the inaccessible flanks of the main island, and from sketchy historical records, Moorhouse has reconstructed the story of the Skellig monastery, start to finish.

It is a weird tale of holy self-denial — pointless to unbelievers, inspiring, I suppose, to

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God's little acres: the islands of Skellig were home to a monastic order for 700 years

with great restraint and scholarly care, and utterly convincing in its evocation of mortifications, mind-sets and charged emotions on those inhospitable sites. The second part, entitled "The Evidence", is really a collection of long footnotes, disguised as proper chapters, and detailing the reasons behind the book's imaginative conjectures. I thought this less satisfactory. I was perfectly happy not to know the reasons, having complete trust in Moorhouse's integrity, and I thought they made anti-climactic reading after the sombre work of art that came before.

So I sometimes found myself skimming through explanatory passages about the Synod of Whitby and the Monastic Horarium, and have already forgotten most of their learned allusions. I shall always remember, though, my nights and days on the Skelligs themselves, in the company of Moorhouse and those long-dead monks: ho-

ing the sparse gardens in the teeth of the wind, gathering the fish from the pool nets among the rocks, chanting in the cold as the dawn broke, fighting the demons of self-esteem, performing harsh

penances at the abbot's command, watching the sun dance in ecstatic vision, assembling terrified up the scree when the lion-prow of a Viking longship slides into view among the rocks below.

It is as though I were really there, just as, if I could almost suppose that in some previous incarnation Geoffrey Moorhouse was a monk on the Skelligs himself.

# A rebel to the manor born

**Peter Ackroyd** on the extraordinary life of an 18th-century aristocratic Irish revolutionary

**I**n the infinitely complicated and ambiguous history of Ireland, Lord Edward Fitzgerald emerges as one of its most ambivalent figures. He was a brother of the premier peer of that country, but he attempted to mount a revolution. He adored his family, and spent half his life gardening, but he advocated violence as the surest means of subverting the established authorities.

It had all begun so differently. He was born, in 1763, a Kildare, the great Irish family which alternately confused and bedevilled English monarchs by claiming local sovereignty without demanding complete independence. By the middle of the 18th century, when "Pretty Eddy" was first presented to an adoring world, it was still the most powerful force in the country. "Eddy", pretty or not, could only add lustre to the name. "Tis an almost perfect little Being," his mother wrote, "literally having no fault, but too much warmth of temper." It might almost be his epitaph.

He was protected, and cosseted, with entirely predictable results. All his life he remained amiable and confiding, but obstinate; he was energetic and optimistic, but unpredictable. He was educated by his doting mother on Rousseauian principles and, in the notorious phrase of the 1770s, developed into "a man of feeling" susceptible and refined in equal measure. He would have led an agreeable life if he had remained at home and devoted that sensibility to private pursuits; but, instead, he roamed abroad and took a larger view.

He joined the Army, of course as an officer, and first saw battle at Charleston during the American War of Independence. Here a liberated African slave, Tony Small, saved his life, the saviour became his servant, and soon the two men were inseparable. It was the first occasion when Edward Fitzgerald's belief in the "equality of man" was put into practice. It was also to become the principal, if fatal, thread of his life. A subsequent visit to Nova Scotia, where he was made a chief of the Iroquois, only confirmed his egalitarianism. So on his return to London, he became an enthusiastic supporter of the French Revolution and of Tom Paine's *Rights of Man*.

He has not been treated with entire seriousness by contemporary historians. Roy Foster in his *Modern Ireland*, describes him as "the

epitome of radical chic". He was, indeed, a radical of a philosophical rather than a native kind. Stella Tillyard justifiably depicts him as a *product of the Enlightenment*, who always remained "cosmopolitan" rather than "national". In that sense he was closer to Fox than to Blake but, in her very vivid depiction of late 18th-century London, Tillyard notes the ease with which he could travel from the Whig drawing rooms of Piccadilly to the dissenting bookshops of St Paul's Churchyard. For one moment, they were allied. But then the moment ended.

The twin forces of domestic oppression and French fanaticism led many erstwhile liberals to renounce their allegiance to the revolutionary cause. But Lord Edward Fitzgerald was different.

**CITIZEN LORD**  
By Stella Tillyard  
Chatto & Windus, £16.99  
ISBN 0 7011 6538 3

He renounced only his title, and moved to Paris. He no longer powdered his hair. More significantly, perhaps, he planned an armed revolution in Dublin on the same pattern as that of his French comrades.

Tillyard offers a very convincing portrait of this colourful, if somewhat startling, figure. *Citizen Lord* is an example of history aspiring to the condition of a good novel; it is by no means an idiosyncratic effort on her part, since this has become an age when the traditional forms of fiction and history are breaking apart. That is why she is able to comprehend historical facts with the imagination of an artist rather than that of a simple chronicler. Her previous book was entitled *Aristocrats*, and in this new work she is particularly good at conveying the life of the late 18th-century Irish peerage, bibulous and spendthrift, louche when not entirely demented.

This was the world from which Fitzgerald came, and in part it explains the particular nature of his radicalism. As an impetuous younger son of a grand family, he was in turn patronised and rejected by his more wealthy or powerful relatives: he was a "man of feeling" who interpreted the world in terms of private sentiment and as a result came to believe that, in Tillyard's words, English society itself was

both "divisive and heartless".

So he became a rebel. He travelled to Dublin, and was soon associated with the United Irish: he consorted with French agents, and urged the Directory to mount an armed invasion of Ireland. He wore light green cravats and began to learn Gaelic. At first it was believed that he was only "playing revolution", in the phrase of his contemporaries, but he was very serious indeed.

He is now almost unknown to name and fame. He is one of those curious figures who somehow seem to slip out of history, although they were of vast significance in their own time.

Thomas Moore, the balladeer, ran to look at him in the street because his "name had, from my school days, been associated with all that was noble, patriotic and chivalrous". So why has he been forgotten? He is an anomaly: he offends historical decorum by being both a revolutionary and an aristocrat, a lord and a democrat. He also failed, and historians of the old progressive school do not dwell upon failure.

**T**hat is why Tillyard's book is so welcome. It is also very timely in the sense that, in recording the fatal career of one extraordinary man, she is able to draw suggestive parallels with certain aspects of contemporary Irish life. She describes the policy of "terror and repression" by which late 18th-century government was conducted in that country: here are some of the earliest records of internments, punishment beatings, and caches of arms. The world of the United Irishman was one where "anyone might be an informer, anyone a spy".

It was in fact espionage which destroyed Fitzgerald's attempt at armed revolution. He travelled only at night. He wore a heavy disguise and was always surrounded by armed bodyguards. Yet an informer traced him: he was arrested and, after being shot, imprisoned in Dublin Castle. The rebellion of 1798 ended in defeat and disaster for the United Irishmen, while its leader lay dying in a prison cell. But Edward Fitzgerald is not to be admired, or even pitied. Tillyard herself has simply tried to understand him and, in that act of understanding, she is able to convey an essential truth about the man and his period.

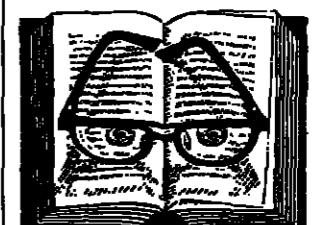
# On the lookout from here

THE London Topographical Society has been publishing maps, views and plans of the capital since 1580. Although its publications include a colour satellite view of London (88 x 62 cm), most of them are historical. The society's very first book was a facsimile of Anthony Wyngaerde's panorama of 1544, and 115 years later a new facsimile has been produced with scholarly information about the artist and the identifiable buildings. The panorama is, in the words of Howard Colvin's introduction, "the first known attempt at a comprehensive topographical record", but also "the last glimpse of the medieval city as it stood before the Reformation which resulted in the disappearance of so many of its principal religious monuments".

Wyngaerde is presumed to have worked with Henry VII's assent, and he loyalty shows the heads of traitors on their poles on Old London Bridge. He is not always reliable — church towers are transposed and details are omitted — but it is remarkable to see a familiar street as it was 450 years ago and especially so for me because Wyngaerde's supposed vantage point is virtually on the roof of my flat.

The panorama can be obtained for £35 (post free to *Times* readers) from LTS, c/o 230 Bishopsgate Institute, EC2M 4QH.

ALSO for cartophiles is a seminar at the London Transport Museum on April 26, on the theme of the current



**BIBLIOMANE**

exhibition, "The Joy of Maps" — Oh my America, my new-found-land. For information, call 0171 379 6344. Or you may like to splash out on Richard Horwood's *Plan of the Cities of London and Westminster, and Borough of Southwark and Parts Adjoining, showing every house* (1800), a 26in to the mile map of Georgian London, to be sold at Sotheby's on Friday (est. £3,000-4,000).

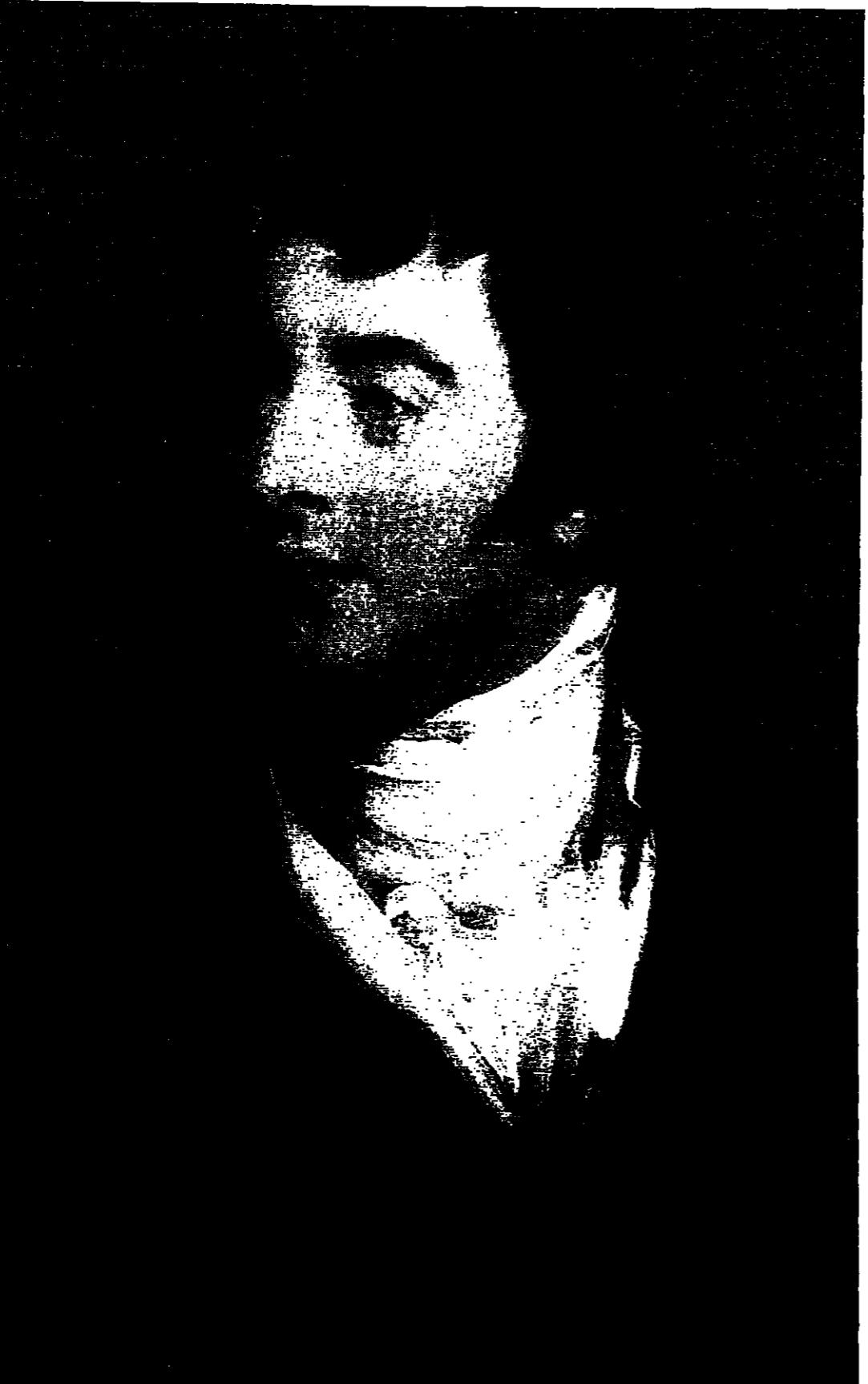
THE dormant historical research collection of the old Ministry of Works, strong in the fields of architecture and archaeology, has been transferred to English Heritage in Savile Row, where it is being recatalogued. It joins Sir Mayson Beeton's reference collection of books and his three to four thousand prints of the architecture and social life of London.

THE history of the book has been intensely studied and documented. Yet new areas of research continue to emerge. *Bookcloth 1823-1980* by William Tomlinson and Richard Masters is virtually the first work on the binding material that superseded leather and was itself superseded by toughened papers. Clearly written and with 36 "feeler" samples, it is largely a company history of Winterbottom's, which established something like a world monopoly, supplying 50 countries from Salford.

The story parallels the rise and fall of the Monotype Corporation, which supplied the world with hot-metal typesetting machinery. But the earliest history of binding in cloth is still unclear. Can the maroon-and-black horizontal-striped cloth on my copy of Coleridge's *Table Talk* (1853) really be the publisher's original binding? Did Murray's want it to look like a Liquorice Allsort?

*Bookcloth* is available from PO Box 17, Maple, Stockport, SK6 5FD. Informative though it is, an edition of 1,500 copies at £325 looks optimistic to me. The Incline Press's volume of essays *In Praise of Patterned Papers* is perhaps more realistic, with 360 copies, beginning at £9.95 (11a Printer Street, Oldham, OL1 1PN).

**JIM McCUE**



"The epitome of radical chic": Fitzgerald by Hugh Douglas Hamilton, two years before his death

# Suffer with success

**Derwent May**

**HOW PROUST CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE**  
By Alain de Botton  
Picador, £12.99  
ISBN 0 330 34762 4

"Just tell me in two lines what you wanted to say." But de Botton suggests that Proust's sentences can teach us how to go slow, look properly at things, enlarge our sympathies, even find a tragic or comic novel in a short newspaper item. When Harold Nicolson met Proust in the Paris Ritz in 1919, and talked to him about the peace conference, the novelist cried: "N'allez pas si vite" — and personally showed Nicolson how to tell his story more vividly.

Again, in his chapter "How to Suffer Successfully", de Botton suggests that if Swann, Proust's man-about-town, had been able to listen to his creator when he was experiencing hideous pangs of jealousy over his mistress Odette, he would have learnt to turn jealousy into understanding. We — declares de Botton

— can learn from Swann's failure. Of course, de Botton has an ulterior motive in presenting Proust in this lighthearted way: as a sort of Agony Aunt. This is a curiously means of getting his readers to feel at ease with what so often seems a daunting novel. And by the end of the book many aspects of *In Search of Lost Time* have been finely illuminated.

If I have one reservation about his achievement, it is that he himself can be a little long-winded and sententious — especially in his offputting introductory chapter. As he is cheeky enough to say that his girlfriend Kate looks just like Marcel's girlfriend Albertine, and to include a photograph of her in the book, perhaps I can say that here and there he reminds me of Proust's didactic diplomat, M. de Norpois. There is an occasional 19th-century *bien pensant* flavour to his style of precisely the kind Proust satirised.

One other reservation

strikes me. If we all learned from Proust how to avoid all the tragicomic errors his characters fall into, the next Proust

would have nothing to write about at all.



Marcel (right) with brother Robert: an unlikely therapist

# The sea yields up its secrets

**Michael Arditti**

**THE RAVEN**  
By Peter Landesman  
Flamingo, £13.99  
ISBN 0 00 225551 0

EVER since Melville's assault on the great white whale (and with it the great American novel), the sea off the New England coast has proved as fruitful to writers as to fishermen. The latest launch into it is Peter Landesman, whose immensely accomplished first novel offers a fictional account of a real-life disaster, the sinking of the pleasure boat, *The Raven*, in 1941.

To muddy the waters still further, of the 36 people on board, only the bodies of the captain (naked and strapped to a keg) and the 14 women

were discovered, leading to wild rumours that the men had been captured and enslaved by the Germans. Out of the bare bones — and disfigured corpses — of this story, Landesman has fashioned a *fascinating* fiction, which is part historical mystery, in which various figures, including a young fisherman and a sensation-seeking journalist, investigate the disaster, part a psychological study in survivor guilt, and part an exploration of disappearing values in a changing world.

This is a magnificent debut.

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■ COLOMBIAN carrier Avianca launches a twice-weekly Heathrow to Bogotá service on May 3 with fares starting at £540 return including a free domestic connection to most cities. Details: 0990 767747.

■ AIR Tickets Direct has a £221 fare during April with Continental between Gatwick, Manchester and New York. Details: 0990 320321.

■ BRITISH Airways now flies five times a day between Gatwick and Glasgow. Return fares on this new route start at £72. Details: 0345 222111.

■ NEW airline Futura Direct inaugurates two-weekly Gatwick to Palma flights on May 2 for £140. Details: 0990 772233.

## HOLIDAYS

GLASGOW can now be reached from London in five hours on the 15 daily Virgin West Coast train services. SuperApex returns — which must be booked at least 14 days in advance — cost from £29 return. The full range of fares is available from 0345 991995.

■ INGHAMS Eurobreak is offering three nights' B&B at the two-star Garni Hotel in Paris, travelling by Eurostar or air, from £174 per person, including Seine cruise, transfers and guidebook. Details: 0990 336336.

■ KUONI is cutting a range of prices until the end of June. A new "limited editions" brochure has six nights in Cuba from £299 per person, including accommodation at the Comodoro Hotel in Havana and return flights from Gatwick. Details: 01306 740500.

■ JAMES Villa Holidays has a few remaining villas in Pollensa, Majorca this month and the first week in May. Prices are from £185 per person for four people sharing, to £299 for two and include return flights from Gatwick and group 1 car hire. Details: 0132 840846.



TWELVE nights at the Berjaya Mahe beach resort hotel in Seychelles are available through Crystal Worldwide for £789 per person until the end of June. The price includes room-only accommodation and return flights from Gatwick. Details: 0181 241 5161.

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■ SEE the Royal Pageant of the Horse Show at Windsor Great Park from July 4 and stay at the Shepperton Moat House. Two nights accommodation through Superbreak Mini-Holidays including tick-

et, guide and coach transfer is £175 per person. Details: 0161 238 5257.

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■ RED Funnel has extended its £25 day-return offer for a car plus four people until May 22 on the Southampton-Cowes route. Travel on 11am ferry only. Details: 01703 334010.

■ IRISH Ferries has a £149 fare on its Holyhead-Dublin route for a car and two adults until May 21. The line also has a £59 fare for two, including rail from London. Travel is off-peak, valid until December 17. Details: 0345 171717.

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## Rhyl is given a rough ride

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

THE Welsh seaside town of Rhyl is still smarting from the savaging it received from a respected tourist guide book.

"Anything you can do in Rhyl you can do better elsewhere," says the *Rough Guide to Wales*, which was published last week. There is, writes the guide book popular with younger tourists, "almost no reason to stay in this decaying Edwardian resort completely disfigured by amusement arcades". Despite European Union funding, the town "falls on the most basic of requirements".

But 1.5 million holidaymakers still chose to spend their main holidays in the North Wales town last summer and there were twice as many day trippers. Jill Mariner, secretary of the Rhyl Hotels and Guest Houses Association, is scathing about the book's comments: "People have been coming here generation after generation so we must be doing something right," she says.

And the town's mayor, Ann Jones, has offered to show Paul Whitfield, the writer of the *Rough Guide* report, around the resort. "I'm confident he would change his mind once he saw all the attractions," she says. "Over the Easter weekend it was packed out here. It's a children's paradise."

The big wheel and the rollercoaster ride of the funfair dominate Foyd harbour while rising above everything is the 240ft-high Skytower, bought second-hand from Glasgow, with its revolving observation platform. Bed and breakfast in a guesthouse costs an average of £15.

Millions of pounds, including European cash, have been spent redeveloping the resort's seafront.

The Sun Centre with Europe's first indoor surfing pool, is one of Wales' top visitor attractions.

It may not be enough to satisfy the *Rough Guide*, but for millions Rhyl is the perfect holiday resort.



Even during a pause in hostilities, Sarajevo basked in the sun. However, a huge number of buildings were destroyed or damaged

## Fresh start for Sarajevo

**The Pope is visiting Bosnia-Herzegovina's capital. Chris Lockwood reports on the the war-torn city's rapid improvement**

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA this weekend will take its most positive and public step yet to emerge from years of war and destruction when the Pope pays his first official visit to the battered capital, Sarajevo.

His visit, together with the reopening of vital air services, is a significant move in the country's attempt to resume its place as the Balkans' natural centre for tourism and business.

On Monday Austrian Airlines became the first West European carrier since the end of the conflict to serve the city with the first of its thrice-weekly services from Vienna. The airline has optimistic plans to increase the number of flights to four and eventually six a week by the end of the year.

Before the war, Sarajevo's population was about 500,000. But during the fighting, thousands fled and many were killed. A huge number of buildings were destroyed or severely damaged and there was, subsequently, an enormous loss in industrial production. Energy-supply com-

panies were smashed and health facilities, schools, bridges and railway lines were also wrecked.

The total financial damage throughout Bosnia runs into is estimated at about \$80 billion. In certain areas, people went without heat, water or outside food sources for two years. But despite the horror, the city is returning to normal, more rapidly than expected.

Four months ago, there were no glass windows in the city. But today the glass is back. The restaurants are full. Benetton has opened an outlet — and so has the Islamic Republic of Iran, with a gleaming information centre. On the same city centre street there is also the new office for Austrian Airlines, transformed from a burnt-out store front to shiny ticket centre in weeks.

There is no civilian control tower

Turkish Airlines is due to launch flights twice a week from Istanbul from April 18, and Crossair plans to start its services three times a week from Zurich on June 9. British Airways, which recently resumed regular scheduled services to Zagreb, says that it is monitoring the growth of travel to the whole area before deciding whether to fly direct to Sarajevo from London.

"It is certainly a long road back for Sarajevo," says Herbert Felber, area manager of Central Europe for Austrian Airlines. "But out of chaos must come opportunity, and although today there are hardly any international companies represented here, at least 500 are interested and want to help in the recovery of the region."

There is no civilian control tower

or radar at the airport, which is controlled by French soldiers of the United Nations Stabilisation Force (SFOR) with air space controlled by the American military.

The only radar is military, and that only monitors flights, rather than controlling them. It is, the authorities say, safe as long as the frequently changing weather does not present a cloud base of less than 4,000ft.

Tourists, desperately needed by the city and the country, are trickling back. And business travellers are flying in to take advantage of a range of opportunities for, quite simply, the country still needs everything. But only two hotels up to Western standards — the 382-room Holiday Inn and the 85-room Bosnia Hotel — are currently available in the city.

German marks, Bosnian dinars and Croatian kuna are accepted currency, but credit cards are not. As the recovery gathers pace, the writing of the past remains on the walls of Sarajevo. On the main street, Marshal Tito Boulevard, someone has written in English: "Paradise Lost."

**Private jets take on the airlines**

You have to admire the way that professional business travellers, and the companies who employ them, are able to overcome the seemingly insurmountable difficulties that can appear suddenly in their path.

Take, for example, the problems of travelling in the former Soviet Union. The unreliability and hazards of local scheduled airlines are enough to put anybody off.

Yet many businessmen have found a way of bypassing the obstacles in trading and have also produced a bonanza for Western plane-makers by using private aircraft, either owned or hired.

The opportunities for Western businesses in rapidly developing countries such as Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan are growing daily, with joint ventures in oil, gas, minerals and even retailing waiting to be snapped up.

Boeing has decided to increase production of a new business jet based on the popular 737 from two to six a month even before the first has been built, and more than 40 will be delivered within the first two years.

One British company is even converting a Boeing 747 into the world's most luxurious executive airliner, capable of carrying a maximum of 67 passengers on prestige business trips to corporate events.

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## Anniversary of Kamikaze flight

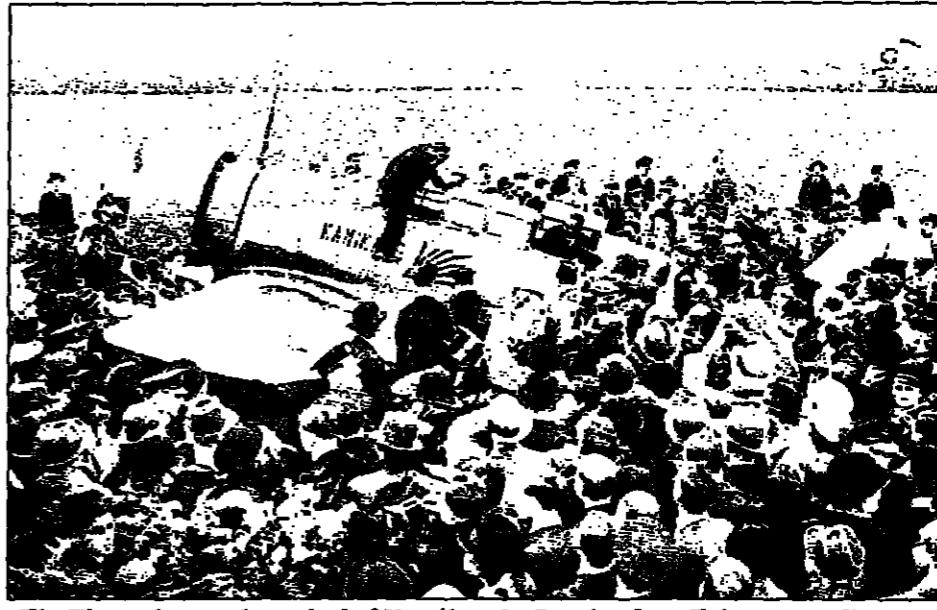
MORE than 400 Japanese gathered in London last night. Harvey Elliott writes, to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of a record-breaking flight from Tokyo to Croydon by an aircraft known as *Divine Wind*, or *Kamikaze*.

The all-metal aircraft built by Mitsubishi had been named *Kamikaze* shortly before it took off on the 94-hour journey to London. It was aiming both to break the 100-hour barrier and to celebrate the coronation of King George VI which was due to take place the following month.

More than 4,000 people watched the arrival of *Kamikaze* when it landed at Croydon on April 9, 1937, and *The Times* covered in detail what was then regarded as one of the most important aviation events.

As the airmen struggled to the ground from *Divine Wind*, they were greeted with cheers and cries of "Banzai" ("live forever"), were decked with garlands of flowers and were submitted to an ordeal of handshaking and congratulation, we reported.

A message was sent from the *Asahi Shimbun*, the Japanese newspaper which sponsored the flight, to "The British nation" through the pages of



*The Times* pictures the arrival of *Kamikaze* in Croydon from Tokyo on April 9, 1937

and the mechanic, Kenji Tsukagoshi, spent 50 hours in the air during the journey time of 94 hours and 18 minutes and managed to snatched only ten hours' sleep.

Mr Tsukagoshi had a British mother whom he had hoped to find waiting for him at Croydon. Lionel Harvey, the author who is researching a book about the epic journey.

says that unfortunately it is not recorded whether she arrived at the airport to greet her son or not.

Both men, however, were killed during the war and the aircraft was destroyed during an emergency landing off Taiwan.

A non-stop flight in a Boeing 747-400 today takes 13 hours 30 minutes.

## Simulator is too scary for public

THE world's most sophisticated cabin crew training simulator has been put out of bounds to all but airline professionals — because it is too realistic, Harvey Elliott writes.

The simulator, made in Canada, initiates a range of problems which might be encountered by cabin crew. These can include a fire, cabin decompression, emergency landing on water, or even a crash. Each is accompanied by realistic sounds of passengers screaming as the "aircraft" fills with smoke or lurches in response to the computer messages input from a tutor outside the cabin.

But many emerge from the training session in a state of shock at the realism of learning how to deal with an aircraft emergency. Now they have been ordered to practice serving meals, emergency evacuation techniques and other in-flight skills only on staff rather than on the public.

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## Defect caused insured damage

Promet Engineering (Singapore) PTE Ltd v Sturge and Others (The Nukla)

Before Sir Stephen Brown, President; Lord Justice Hobhouse and Lord Justice Ward

[Judgment March 26]

When deciding whether insurers were liable under a hull and machinery policy incorporating clauses which extended ordinary marine cover so as to include risks which would not otherwise be covered, the questions to be asked were whether there was a latent defect in the hull and if so what constituted that defect; and whether the defect caused damage to the hull.

If the answer to the second question was that there was actual damage, over and above a latent defect merely made patent, then the insurers were liable.

The Court of Appeal so stated in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by Promet Engineering (Singapore) PTE Ltd, the plaintiffs, from the dismissal by Mr Justice Tuckey ([1996] 1 Lloyd's Rep 89) of their primary claim for damages for breach of contract against Nicholas Colwyn Sturge as representative underwriter.

The insurance under a hull and

machinery policy incorporated into Time Clauses Hull to include risks which would not otherwise be covered and Institute Additional Perils Clauses — Hull see *Thames and Mersey Marine Insurance Company Ltd v Hamilton Fraser and Co* ([1887] 12 App Cas 484). It covered the plaintiffs' accommodation platform Nukla at the relevant time.

The underwriters had refused to indemnify the plaintiff in respect of loss incurred in repairing the platform.

Mr Stephen Ruttie for the appellant plaintiffs; Mr David Mildon and Mr Nigel Eaton for the respondent defendants.

LORD JUSTICE HOBHOUSE said that the Nukla had been in service in the Sea since 1983. To stop the legs sinking into the soft seabed they ended in a welded steel box called a spudcan.

It was not disputed that the circumferential welds were not properly profiled. As a result fatigue cracking occurred which, when discovered on a routine inspection in 1987, was so serious that the platform had to be towed back to Singapore for extensive repair to the legs.

The plaintiffs claimed for the cost of repairs to the platform, towing charges and other expenses. It was agreed that their insurance policies covered them for the relevant period.

However, the defendants denied liability, contending that there was no consequential damage. All that had occurred was that the latent defect of poorly profiled welding in each leg had manifested itself in the cracks discovered thus no damage occurred to the hull within the welding.

That was damage to the subject matter insured, that is, the hull of the Nukla, nor did the decision in the *Schidua* case require a different conclusion.

The questions to be asked were:

1 Was there damage to the subject matter insured?

2 Did that damage occur during the period covered by the policy?

3 Was that damage caused by a latent defect in the machinery or hull?

As in the present case the answer to each of those questions was in the affirmative it followed that the insured were entitled to recover an indemnity from the underwriters and accordingly the appeal on the plaintiffs' primary claim would be allowed.

Lord Justice Ward gave a concurring judgment and Sir Stephen Brown agreed.

Solicitors: Norton Rose; Clyde & Co.

## Jail warning for city fraudsters

Regina v Ward

Regina v Hendry

Attorney-General's Reference (Nos 14, 15 and 16 of 1995)

Before Lord Justice McCowan, Mr Justice Howitt and Mr Justice Hooper

[Judgment March 21]

Those who took part in conspiracy to defraud involving the creation of false share markets to influence the fate of takeovers should know that if caught they would highly likely go to prison.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so stated on a reference by the Attorney-General under section 36 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988. It held that concurrent community service orders of 220 hours imposed on Michael Grainger Ward and Jeremy John Alan Howarth and a conditional discharge for 12 months imposed on George Hendry were unduly lenient and substituted, respectively, two years imprisonment, 30 months and 12 months suspended.

## Tax penalty notices within jurisdiction

Phipps v Income Tax General Commissioners for New Forest West and Another

The imposition by general commissioners of two penalties of £4,000 each on a taxpayer for her continued failure to comply with a notice requiring her to provide them with information was within the commissioners' jurisdiction and would not be interfered with.

Mr Justice Lightman so held in

two years. The sentences were imposed in March 1995 at Southwark Crown Court by Judge Mota Singh. Conviction of Ward and Howarth and a plea of guilty by Hendry to conspiracy to defraud. Ward and Howarth were also convicted of three and four counts of theft respectively. Ward was also ordered to pay a total of £63,087.50 compensation within two years with 12 months imprisonment in default and Howarth was ordered to pay £51,042.20 compensation within two years with 12 months imprisonment in default and each was ordered to pay £2,000 towards the costs of the prosecution.

Mr Orlando Pownall and Mr Ian Gate for the Attorney-General; Mr Andrew Trollope, QC and Mr Andrew Mitchell for Ward; Mr Ray Amor, QC and Mr Michael Greive for Howarth; Mr Ian Winter for Hendry.

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN,

giving the judgment of the court, said that much of the delay in hearing the applications resulted from the fact that two of the

offenders had chosen, as was their right, to appeal against conviction. Their Lordships had in such case taken into account previous good character, good performance since the trial and the effect on the families but had no hesitation in concluding that community service orders were inappropriate and too lenient.

Creating false share markets to influence the fate of takeovers was a very serious matter. Not only could it lead to a fraud on shareholders but it could cause considerable damage to the City of London which was very important to the whole of the country.

An important element in sentencing in such cases had to be the deterrent element. Those who took part should know that if caught they would be highly likely to go to prison and that payment of compensation orders would not save them.

The appropriate sentence for Ward would have been three years and for Howarth 30 months imprisonment with a discount for the element of double jeopardy the

proper sentences were two years and 15 months imprisonment respectively, and disqualification for holding a directorship of a public company for seven and five years respectively.

Hendry's case was significantly different. He did not play a main role and he pleaded guilty so that the right sentence would have been 15 months imprisonment. He was already suffering ill-health in the form of Parkinson's disease, diabetes, coronary arterial disease and depression and was very much worse off after the considerable delay, so that in those exceptional circumstances the court could impose a sentence of 12 months imprisonment and suspend it for two years.

He was also given credit for having established a small business on which he and his family were dependent. Their Lordships in their mercy and discretion would not disqualify him.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Headquarters; Memory Crystal; Simons Muirhead & Burton; Burton Copeland.

information but was still trying to do so.

It was clear that there was a failure by the taxpayer to provide information.

The commissioners had jurisdiction to make the orders they had found serious default by the taxpayer that justified their decision and her appeal against the imposition of the penalties had to be dismissed.

Mr David Iwi for AIB Finance Ltd; Mr Peter Leighton for the respondent.

On September 6 a district judge

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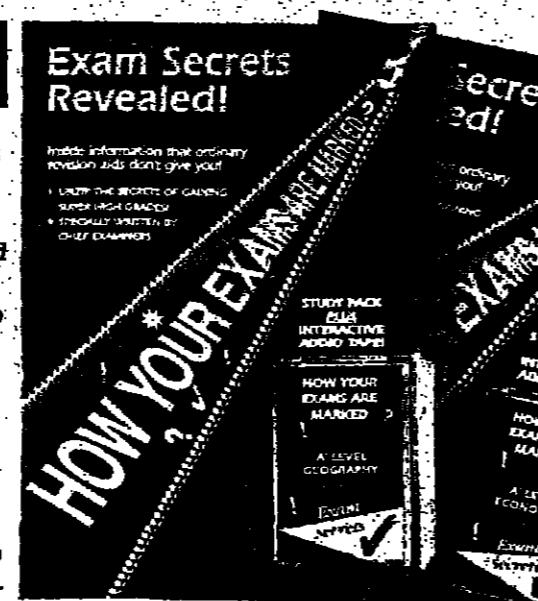
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RACING: VIRUS HINDERS WARREN PLACE TEAM'S PREPARATION

# Shadow cast over Cecil's Guineas aspirations

By JULIAN MUSCAT

HENRY CECIL's ambitions on the Newmarket classics received a jolt when his team of high-class fillies yesterday declined their work engagements on the Newmarket trial grounds. It later emerged that the trainer's Warren Place string is under a cloud.

All meaningful gallops have been suspended pending the outcome of a series of tests, the results of which are due later this week. A bug has been circulating Cecil's Newmarket stable over the winter months and some horses have yet to shake it off.

"One or two of them have had a little bit of an infection on their lungs," Cecil said. "As a precaution, I will be taking blood tests and scoping horses over the next two days. We have had our fair share of coughing and ringworm and the yard is not completely clear of it yet."

This unwelcome development is sure to send tremors through ante-post betting lists for the 1,000 and 2,000 Guineas next month. So strong is Cecil's pool of fillies that he entered a quartet for the 2,000 Guineas, traditionally the pre-

serve of colts. Among them is Sleepytime, whose absence from work yesterday triggered the alarm.

Sleepytime also dominates betting exchanges for the 1,000 Guineas: she contracted to 9-4 favourite from 11-4 after sustained support on Monday. Although the twice-raced filly is reportedly clear of infection, Cecil is withholding her from fast work until veterinarians

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provide him with a more detailed assessment of the stable's health.

Warren Place is traditionally in full swing for the Craven meeting at Newmarket next week. But running plans seem to be affected. "It is hoped that Sleepytime will take her chance in the Fred Darling Stakes [at Newbury] a week tomorrow," Cecil said. "Otherwise, I am not sure we will have a runner in Tuesday's

Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket. We must get the results of the tests before I put anything under pressure at home."

Cecil's stable houses four of the leading 1,000 Guineas candidates in Sleepytime, Reams Of Verse, Yashmak and Fleet River. Reams Of Verse and Yashmak were below par over the winter, although both fillies now appear to have recovered. None of the quartet was sighted by Newmarket work-watchers yesterday, but a favourable conclusion to the testing programme will see them resume on Saturday.

A portent of the ill wind circling Warren Place came at Nottingham on Tuesday, when Shahee, Cecil's first runner of the season, fluctuated wildly in the betting ring. His price varied between 3-1 and 7-1 before settling at 7-2; the colt could finish only third.

Punters have become accustomed to Cecil's first runner of the new season obliging hand-somely at short odds.

It has not been a good week for punters in general. Only five days ago, Bahrain, the 2,000 Guineas favourite, was ruled out of the race with muscle damage and the Go-

dolphin-owned Shamikh was immediately promoted to favouritism.

Should Sleepytime falter, Godolphin's Midnight Paradise will do likewise for the 1,000 Guineas — unless Pas De Reponse posts a sensational victory at Maisons-Laffitte tomorrow. The benefits of wintering horses in Dubai have again become evident; in three years Godolphin has never suffered from the viral infections now commonplace throughout Britain.

Anti-post punters are unlikely to be stung in exchanges over the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown on April 26 because bookmakers may not frame advance prices. More than half the 48-strong entry was withdrawn from the contest yesterday.

Doubts also linger over several of the 22 horses standing their ground. Avra Anson and Go Ballistic are unlikely runners after their Aintree exertions but Mudahim, trained by Jenny Pitman, remains on target for the prestigious steeplechase. Winner of the Irish Grand National last month, Mudahim will attempt a big-race double never previously achieved.



Mudahim is chasing an historic double in the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown

## SQUASH

### Marshall guides Halifax to final

By COLIN MCQUILLAN

POTTERS Bar will defend their SRA National League championship against Queens Halifax on April 21 after consolidating their two-leg semi-final against Chichester to a 6-4 winning result in Hampshire late on Tuesday night.

With Sue Wright, the British national champion, reverting her surprise first-leg defeat by Linda Charman, the Chichester fifth-string, the match hung on the deciding first-string rubber between John Ransome and Nathan Dugan, which went to Potters Bar when Dugan, the England No 22, retired injured.

Queens Halifax also came through 6-4 on aggregate against Broxbourne, this time with the middle-order providing the winning edge on their home courts, while David Campion found the steadily-improving Peter Marshall just too much to handle at first-string.

Campion had expertly exploited the match rustiness of the double-handed former world No 2 when they met in the early part of Marshall's comeback from chronic fatigue syndrome in the first leg. However, Marshall spent last week at the British Open championships in Cardiff sparring with old opponents after losing to Brett Martin, the No 8 seed from Australia, in the first round and that extra exposure to match-play took the 25-year-old a pace beyond Campion's elegant style on Tuesday.

With Marcus Berrett pull-

Results ..... 42

ing back from 1-2 down against Rodney Durbach, the tough South African playing at second-string for Broxbourne, and Lee Beachill, the British junior champion, joining Adam Toes in repeating their first-leg control of Julian Wellings and Stuart Cowie, the Yorkshire side safely absorbed Marshall's improvement and the continued absence of Cassandra Jackman.

Jackman injured an ankle just before the women's international between England and Australia at the end of last month and also pulled out of the British Open, leaving the field clear for an all-Australian final in Cardiff between Michelle Martin and Sarah Fitz-Gerald. Only Wright challenged the two Australians last week in Cardiff and Halifax must hope that Jackman can mend and train in time to contest the women's string in the league final if they hope to take the title away from the combative Potters Bar squad.

## EQUESTRIANISM

### Windsor has best intention

By JENNY MACARTHUR

THE Royal Windsor Horse Show, which is to host the British Nations Cup for the first time next month, will cost £1 million to put on and will be in the words of Michael Bullen, the chairman, "the biggest and best horse show in the world".

In marked contrast to Hickstead's ailing fortunes, Windsor is enjoying a new lease of life. Three leading new sponsors, Hildon, Land Rover and Samsung, have joined Harrods and Beneficial, more than £200,000 has been invested in improving the facilities, including the provision of two extra rings, and, for the first time, an outside contractor is being employed to look after the ground in the arenas.

The acquisition of the Nations Cup, which Windsor was asked to stage only two weeks ago after the cancellation of Hickstead's Nations Cup meeting, could not have been more timely.

Windsor had already decided to bring back international showjumping for the first time for 24 years, and the Nations Cup, which will take place on Sunday, May 18, should help to attract leading riders and horses. Germany, France, Holland, Great Britain, Ireland and Belgium are expected to compete.

Other events at the show include international carriage driving, dressage, showing and, for the first time, a country fair. More than 3,000 entries have been received.

## HAMILTON PARK

THUNDERER  
2.20 Mels Baby, 2.50 Step N Go, 3.20 BE WARNED (nap), 3.50 Risky Whisky, 4.20 Sharaf, 4.50 Lord Hastic.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.50 RISKY WHISKY.

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TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW: SF-6F, HIGH BEST

**2.20 CALDER APPRENTICE SERIES HANDICAP**  
(Round 1: £2,663; 1m 5f 5yds) (16 runners)

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# Newest sporting bible salutes King James's version

The week before a marathon is always tough. If you are planning to run one it is, alas, too late to get in that last-minute training. Perhaps the best thing you can do is put your feet up, boil up some tea and read a good, long, well-researched book about sport.

They don't come any better

published. It is an impressive and heavyweight work, compiled with the help of a vast team of sports scholars and experts from all over the world.

It gives fascinatingly detailed coverage of almost 300 sports, which include all the mainstream and traditional activities and some that you will probably never have heard of. How about trying your hand at Cudgeling, Buzkashi, Camogie or even Maori Darts? All the rules are here, along with a description of how

the games evolved and are played. And if you do not fancy any of those, then you are probably a natural for the "Good Woman Contest", a traditional Native American trial of speed and skill.

Modestly, for a book that gives such in-depth information on so many sports, the *Encyclopaedia of*

*World Sports* accords the honour of "the most influential sports book ever written" to a simple nine-page booklet issued in 1618.

That was when King James I published *The King's Book of Sports* that declared that it would be legal to play certain games and sports on a Sunday after church. The king's declaration was read aloud in every church in the land (later it was ordered by Parliament to be publicly burned), and it sparked a fierce debate that raged for more than three centuries about whether sport should be allowed on a Sunday.

This weekend we will see sport from the FA Cup semi-finals to the London Marathon dominating our Sunday, so maybe *The King's Book of Sports* really did start sports' greatest revolution.

Priced at £25, for the three volumes, the *Encyclopaedia of World Sport*, edited by David Levinson and Karen Christensen and published in Britain by ABC-



CLIO, Oxford, is not going to knock *Fever Pitch* off the bestseller list, but it is a vast source of information on almost any sporting topic you could wish to explore.

Take the shadow of the Irish question in sport, which at the weekend led to the IRA bid to wreck the Grand National. Dive into volume II and you find the issue has been around for a long time.

At the 1908 Olympics in London,

there was much tension between Britain and the United States over Irish nationalism because there were hardly any Irishmen in the "Great Britain and Ireland" team, while the United States squad was full of them.

Matters came to a head in the marathon where the leader, Dorando Pietri, collapsed and was helped across the finish line. The race was awarded to the second finisher, John Hayes, an Irish-American. This was not a popular result with the London crowd and special prizes were awarded to Pietri, who became far more famous than his conqueror.

This latest encyclopaedia comes out of America and places great emphasis on political correctness. Its editors reckon that the traditional view of sport is far too Western and masculine, so here, along with all the mainstream sports, there are entries on Animal Rights and Ethnicity. Right after the entry on Gambling, comes a

chapter on Gay Games. Women's Sport and Worker Sport are well documented. You can roam through richly researched sections on Native American Competitions and Traditional Sports from Oceania. Where else could you learn of an Australian aboriginal version of football in which the ball is traditionally made out of the scrotum of a kangaroo?

And anyone who thinks that the roots of modern-day competitive sport lay exclusively in Ancient Greece, is firmly put in his or her place by scholarly sections on the history and traditions of Native African and Native American sport. Native people in the northern parts of North America, reports the encyclopaedia, have created their own traditional competitions. Events includes the one and two-foot High

Kick, the Musko Push, the Indian Blanket Toss and the Mouth Pull. These events were originally only done by males, although in these gender balanced times, female participants may also compete.

Female participants, the editors explain, originally had their own event - the Good Woman Contest.

This sport includes various activities performed by women, such as tea boiling, fire making, wood chopping, ban-

nock making, seal and muskrat skinning and traditional sewing.

And, of course, in the politically correct Nineties, it is reported that these days men, too, can take part in the Good Woman Contest ... Get me an entry form, please. It has to be easier than the marathon.

JOHN BRYANT

## ATHLETICS

# American turns his back on \$1m windfall

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

JERRY LAWSON wears nine earrings and studs, a ponytail, a goatee beard and, as he flew into Gatwick yesterday, he announced that he will colour his hair blond or white for the Flora London Marathon on Sunday. Yet, if he runs a quick time, this flamboyant, chatty, good-humoured, Irish-American might suddenly go very quiet.

Lawson is passing up the chance of \$1 million by declining to race in the Boston Marathon on Monday week when, even by the most generous estimate, he cannot make much more than a quarter of that in London. A million dollars to run under 2hr 8min 47sec in Boston, but only \$150,000 to run two minutes faster in London - how?

The kit sponsor, New Balance, is offering \$1 million to the first athlete to break the unofficial United States men's marathon record of 2hr 8min 47sec, set by Bob Kempainen in 1994, but it must be achieved in the United States, in one of 56 specified marathons.

Lawson, who shares the official United States record of 2hr 10min 4sec, could sneak inside 2hr 8min 47sec in London and his bonus would be only \$15,000.

After a loss like that, even the exuberant Lawson might be stunned into silence.

Even if Lawson beat the world record of 2hr 6min 50sec, his bonus from the London Marathon would be only \$150,000. It is not fanciful to suggest that Lawson might have beaten Kempainen's mark in Boston, if conditions were favourable. When there is a following wind, Boston times come up much faster than London's, as happened

when Kempainen ran 2hr 8min 47sec there. Boston is a point-to-point course, which precludes official United States records on it. Lawson's 2hr 10min 4sec counts because he set it last year when finishing runner-up to Paul Evans, satisfies criteria relating to course profile and proximity of start to finish, thereby falling into the category of loop-to-loop rather than point-to-point.

"I briefly thought about

jumping ship and going after the million dollars, but it was not where I want to be right now," Lawson, who had agreed to run in London before the incentive was announced, said. "I want to make each of my marathons progressively more prestigious or faster."

After Chicago, London is logically the next step, instead of going to Boston and getting caught with everything right out of the gun, like they do there." Boston's fast early miles are precipitated by the combination of downhill start and African influence. "I do not feel I am prepared as I would like to be handle that yet," Lawson said. "I am

trying to season myself before I take on a course and competition like that."

London tends to be more evenly paced and, for an athlete with a high drop-out rate, having completed only six of his nine marathons, Lawson's caution is understandable. "I still consider myself a baby as far as the marathon goes, so I am trying to take steps before I start hitting the ground full force," he said. He is thinking more of the millennium than the million. "I am planning by 2000 on getting down in the 20s. I am trying to make a progression, taking a minute off every year. If I run two marathons a year, that is 30 seconds a marathon, which is one second a mile, roughly."

Lawson moved from Florida to Texas recently. "The weather in Texas has been a mess, either cold or raining 75 per cent of the time I have been there, so it has been hard to train properly," he said.

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## BOXING

# Tyson's eye injury wreaks havoc with Lewis bout

By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

THE postponement of the fight between Evander Holyfield and Mike Tyson in Las Vegas, because of an eye injury suffered by Tyson in training, has rebounded on the plans of Lennox Lewis.

The World Boxing Council champion had hoped to defend his title against Henry Akinwande in Britain on July 5. Now the date will not only have to be changed but the bout may have to be moved to the United States.

The Lewis-Akinwande contest was all set to be staged in Britain the day before the Wimbledon men's singles final. A deal was on the point of being signed between Don King, Akinwande's promoter, and Panix, the London promotion company behind Lewis, when the news of the Holyfield-Tyson bout broke.

Panix has now had to think again about the advisability of holding the British bout so close to the American one, which has been postponed

from May 3 to June 28. Panix Eliades, the head of Panix, explained that, as he could not be certain of getting Sky viewers to subscribe to pay-per-view for two bouts only a week apart, he had not only to find a new date for the Lewis bout but also to cut down Akinwande's purse, which was a substantial one.

However, Eliades believes he can secure a new deal with King. He hopes to bring the British bout forward to June 14 but it may have to go to Atlantic City in New Jersey. Eliades says the fact that Lewis must get 75 per cent of the purse gives him a stronger hand when dealing with King.

"After the Tyson-Holyfield postponement, it was all up in the air as far as Lennox's fight was concerned," Eliades said. "If I had to choose between the two fights, I know which one I would choose and it wouldn't be Lennox's fight. As a result I have had to cut down the very good money I was giving

Akinwande [believed to be around \$4 million]. Also, June 14 could be better for us because the 14-day gap between the two fights is better than a week."

Eliades added that, because the major share of the purse money must come to Lewis, he was in a better position than King to win the right to stage the show. By entering into a private arrangement with Lewis, who is also his business partner, Eliades would pay considerably less than the 75 per cent he is entitled to. A big saving could help him trump King's move.

The sums do not add up in favour of King, who will have to pay a prohibitive \$10 million and more to secure the promotion if the bout went to purse bids. It would be better for King to do a deal with Eliades than go to purse offers, which would have to be made public.

Tyson needs all of the 11 weeks to get his eye into good enough shape to face the man who so humiliated him last time. The cut over the left eye had 12 stitches on March 17 when it was injured in training. Last Wednesday it started to swell during sparring and Tyson's doctor, Barry Markham, thought it best to put off the bout. "I'm in great shape at this moment and ready to fight but I am just following the instructions of the doctor," Tyson told a press conference in Las Vegas.

Holyfield, who is convinced he will beat Tyson again, said at his training camp in Houston: "I guess I will just have to wait a little longer." Holyfield's attorney, Jim Thomas, said: "He's a remarkable human being, who accepts things the way they are better than anyone I've ever known. It is not going to deter him from beating Tyson again. He will just have to do it at home to Lincoln instead."

The anguish of that moment is evident in the explanation of the 22-year-old national freestyle champion as he works through his thoughts like a down-and-out sifting through a bin. He had been skating, he was tired, worried, the plane was delayed, he would only be in Australia eight days — excuses, excuses...

"OK, yeah," Palmer conceded. "When I saw the delay, I half-thought, oh good, I might get out of it. It was a rocky time

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## Starie to meet Francis

By DAVID STARIE, the Bury St Edmunds super-middleweight

still hopes to win a Lonsdale belt outright in record time, he will have to do it the hard way (Srikumar Sen writes). He will have to face his arch-rival, Dean Francis, of Basingstoke, within 90 days.

After Starie lifted the British belt by stopping Sam Storey, of Belfast, on Tuesday, his manager, Frank Maloney, was hoping to match him

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**SAILING: GROUP 4 GETS THE BETTER OF CONCERT IN RACE TO CAPE TOWN**

## Golding masters Southern Ocean

By EDWARD GORMAN  
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MIKE GOLDING and his drilled and determined team on *Group 4* wanted to win every leg of the BT Global Challenge. Golding was pipped at the finish of the short third leg, but yesterday again showed his mastery of the boats and the Southern Ocean to be first into Cape Town.

Golding survived a cat-and-mouse game with Chris Tibbs's *Concert*, which had kept both crews on their toes for the past five days, and slipped across the finish in the early hours of yesterday morning. *Concert*, which was dismasted in the second leg, came in just 20 minutes later after 6,200 miles of racing, followed by Simon Walker, on *Toshiba Wave Warrior*, a further four hours back.

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March 2. The south Indian Ocean served up an unrelenting series of gales and three huge storms, two of which were particularly frightening and vicious, with winds up to 70 knots and difficult and dangerous seas. Most yachts, including Golding's, suffered damage — *Pause To Remember* broke her boom — and the list of injuries to crew got ever longer.

When Golding set off from Sydney, Walker, and Andy Hindley, on *Save The Children*, were virtually tied in overall second place, about 18 hours behind him. This presented Golding with the difficulty of trying to cover them both. However, Hindley was still at sea yesterday and was expected to finish sometime today, dropping him out of the overall picture with a total deficit behind Golding of around two days.

Walker, meanwhile, is now alone in second place, about 22 hours behind Golding, who can be expected to keep a very close eye on the talented young

former crew volunteer for the remainder of the race. Although there are still two long legs to come, to Boston and then Southampton, and the lottery of the Doldrums, it is hard to see Golding losing his grip on proceedings. As the celebrations got underway in the shade of Table Mountain, Alex Sizer, 21, a student from Surrey and one of Golding's hard-working crew, reflected on the arduous voyage from Australia. "It was pretty dreadful," she said. "but I'd go

## BOWLS

## Allcock elevated by reversal of fortune

RICHARD SHERGOLD and Andy Wills, who helped their renowned Bentham club colleague, Tony Allcock, to secure the triples title yesterday, said that winning their first national indoor championship was a dream come true (David Rhys Jones writes).

To Allcock, by contrast, his third indoor triples title had seemed like waking up at the end of a nightmare. It was, he explained, his sixth national indoor final at Melton Mowbray, but the first that he has managed to win.

Allcock is too polite to criticise the green, but it is well-known that he has had his reservations since the championships moved there in 1989.

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## TENNIS

## Kafelnikov makes swift departure in Portugal

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

VEVGENY KAFELNIKOV, of Russia, made a disappointing return from injury yesterday when he was beaten 6-2, 6-0 by Gilbert Schaller in the first round of the Estoril Open in Oeiras, Portugal, the first European tournament of the year on clay.

Kafelnikov, the French Open champion and the No 1 seed for this event, was playing his first match since breaking a finger in January and was overwhelmed by his Austrian opponent in less than an hour. "He didn't have any self-confidence," Schaller said of Kafelnikov, who is 79 places above him in the world rankings at No 4.

Also eliminated was the No 3 seed, Wayne Ferreira, who lost 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 to Francisco Cabello, of Argentina. Cabello, ranked No 470 in the world, overcame leg cramp and a 3-0 deficit in the third set to oust the South African.

Elsewhere, Carlos Moyá, the No 2 seed, advanced to the third round with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Richard Fromberg, of Australia, while his fellow Spaniard, Alex Corretja, cruised into the second round with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Herman Gumy, of Argentina. Marcelo Filippi, of Uruguay, recovered from a set down to beat Juan Albert Viloca, of Spain, 3-6, 7-6, 6-1.

Monica Seles has pulled out of the Women's Tennis Association tournament in Amelia Island, Florida, this week as she has bronchitis. The former world No 1 had been due to face Jennifer Capriati in the first round, but her place in the draw now goes to Oliva Diaz, of Argentina.

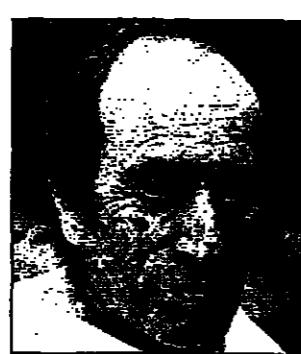
Seles, out of action for most of the season because of injury, narrowly lost to the new world No 1, Martina Hingis, of Switzerland, in a three-set final in Hilton Head on Sunday, only her second tournament after a four-month lay-off.

Jeremy Bates and Chris Bailey, of Britain, now both retired from the ATP Tour, are to team up to play in the Legends Tournament in Scotland next month. The event is to be staged alongside the women's World Doubles Cup at the Craiglockhart Tennis Centre in Edinburgh from May 21 to 24.

Bates, six times the British champion, is now the Lawn Tennis Association's manager of men's national training, while Bailey is a television commentator.

## Chelsea prepare for acrimonious parting

BRIAN GLANVILLE



When relationships reach breaking point

**R**und Gullit and Gianluca Vialli have probably reached the point of no return, after Chelsea's fiasco against Arsenal last Saturday. "This town," they might say, as is said in the West End, "ain't big enough for both of us." Gullit has been tactless, Vialli feels humiliated. As Italian stars do, he has given soft answers in England, but spoken grievous words on Italian television. But to call Gullit jealous of Vialli surely borders on absurdity.

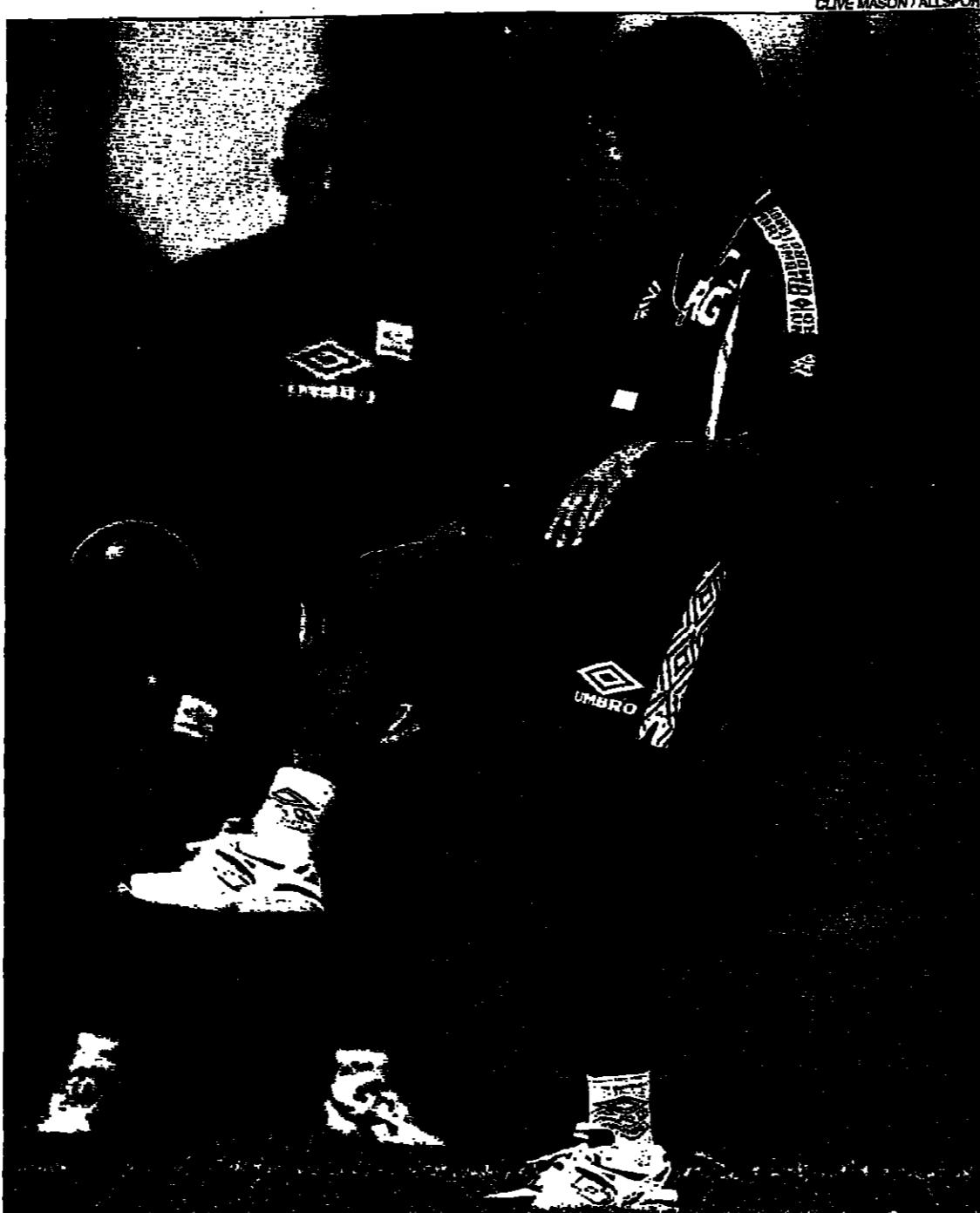
In this respect, Fabio Capello, the former manager of AC Milan, now manager, for the moment, of Real Madrid, has been called in support. He had accused Gullit of "arrogance" when once he brought himself on to attack, rather than take Vialli off the bench, "when everyone knows Gullit's finished as a player. He didn't get anywhere near the ball".

The fact is that Gullit is very far from finished as a player. He remains, potentially, a majestic figure, though he himself has said repeatedly he would be quite happy to stop playing.

Remember, too, that Capello is not entirely an objective observer. Under his aegis at Milan, Gullit twice in a season left the club for Sampdoria, the second time after an unhappy stay when he no longer seemed *persona grata* in the dressing room.

It has been alleged that for every "Gullit" shirt sold by the Chelsea club shop, 25 have been sold of Vialli's, a figure that the club shop dismisses. In any case, what would it matter?

It would surely be astounding if a player as proud and celebrated as Vialli did not feel badly about his



Gullit monopolises the ball in training as Vialli, as he has done so often this season, looks on

exclusion from the team. He reacted bitterly to being dropped by the then manager, Arrigo Sacchi, from Italy's 1994 World Cup finals squad. When it seemed that they might be reconciled, Vialli learnt to his fury, that Sacchi, never the most tactful of men, had carried off polls among his players. Many of them came from

Milan, and Vialli was thumbed down. When many came from his own club, Juventus, the answer was positive.

Stand-offs between famous players and a dominating manager are commonplace of football history, not least in Italy. "He's mad!" Roberto Baggio said after Sacchi pulled him

off the field at Giants Stadium during the World Cup game against Norway in 1994, after Pagliuca, the Italy goalkeeper, had been sent off.

Despite the subsequent, viral World Cup goals he scored, Baggio was never dear to Sacchi. He was publicly horrified that season when Sacchi returned as manager of

Milan and was then promptly dropped him from the team.

At least Chelsea have kept Vialli, even if, at the end of this season, he moves to pastures new, probably in Italy. Juventus, by contrast, jettisoned him last season, even though he had just captained the team that won the European Cup. Just as, with equal ruthlessness, they had jettisoned Baggio, the season before. And what of the emotional Fabrizio Ravanelli, 'the White Feather', scorer of Juventus' goal in that European Cup final?

Within weeks he was summoned from his native Perugia to Turin and told that he was on his way. "Like a bolt from the blue," he cried, as he often does. There, indeed, was humiliation for you — though, as an Italian critic remarked, Ravanelli had publicly told his coach, Marcello Lippi, to go to hell once too often.

### "It would be astounding if Vialli did not feel badly about his exclusion"

What Chelsea have suffered from is simply an embarrassment of riches. The evening Gianfranco Zola arrived from Parma and attended a press conference, Gullit was asked how he would accommodate Zola. Mark Hughes and Vialli in attack. He replied that he might play all three of them.

It did not work and when Vialli partnered Hughes, they duplicated rather than complemented one another. Once it grew clear that Hughes and Zola worked wonderfully together, Gullit was on the horns of a dilemma.

You might criticise him for asking his players which formation they preferred, hearing a response that they wanted two players up front — managers should make up their own minds — but there can be no doubt that this was the ideal solution.

Vialli can console himself that when he did leave Juventus, it was, thanks to the Bosman ruling, on a free transfer — and that, as the main man in Italy's players' union, he had extended that concession to domestic transfers. Meanwhile, you can understand his frustration. Even if this is scarcely the first case of its kind.

## Barcelona struggle to overcome injury problems

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

AT full strength, Barcelona would be worthy favourites for the Cup Winners' Cup, but when Fiorentina, of Italy, take the field at the Nou Camp Stadium tonight, they will have every reason to believe they can upset the odds.

Barcelona have an injury problem, indeed several of them, involving players who would ordinarily demand places in the first team. Iván de la Peña, Josep Guardiola, Sergi and Luis Enrique are all key figures in the Barcelona line-up. Iván de la Peña and Guardiola, offering vision in midfield and Sergi and Luis Enrique strength and pace along the left touchline. None seems likely to play in the semi-final, first leg match tonight and, with possible replacements also struggling, Bobby Robson, the coach, has a problem.

Worse, it is a problem that has arisen at a bad time. Barcelona may have won the Cup Winners' Cup on three occasions in the past but, with the Spanish league firmly in the grip of their rivals, Real Madrid, success in Europe would ease growing pressure from their supporters. Suggestions that Guardiola is to join Parma in Italy during the summer and that Ronaldo, the brilliant Brazilian, is a money-no-object target for Lazio have hardly helped matters. At least Barcelona are in form, having thrashed Sporting Gijón 4-0 over the weekend.

Thus, Fiorentina arrived in Barcelona in bullish mood. Their Argentine striker, Gabriel Batistuta, said: "I've never felt inferior to anyone. Sure, the Catalan side has 22 great players and lots of international experience, but the real Fiorentina can beat anyone."

Nor will they concentrate their attention simply on Ronaldo. "That would be equivalent to allowing a free hand to all the other nine players, all equally useful," Claudio Ranieri, the Fiorentina coach, said.

## Gray hopes for repeat of history

ANDY GRAY, the former England midfield player, will draw on all his experience of cup upsets when he plays for Falkirk in the Tennents Scottish Cup semi-final against Celtic at Ibrox on Saturday.

Gray was a member of the Crystal Palace team that beat Liverpool 4-3 at Villa Park in 1990 in a memorable semi-final. "Liverpool were hot favourites," Gray said. "They had beaten us 9-0 earlier that season and nobody gave us a chance in the cup semi-final but we just went out and did it."

Falkirk, of the Bell's Scottish League first division, are the underdogs and talk of internal strife at Celtic Park has not altered the opinions of the bookmakers. "There have been a lot of headlines about Celtic and their problems but to be honest those are all about the manager and the chairman they have nothing to do with the players," Gray said.

"But this is the semi-final I wanted. If Falkirk are to go out, and I am not being negative, then I'd rather we went down to Celtic in front of 50,000, Dundee United of Kilmarnock."

Gray, 33, who has also played for Aston Villa, Queens Park Rangers and Tottenham Hotspur, won his one England cap in Poland in 1991. His career at Brockville has been revived since Alex Totten succeeded Eamonn Bannon as manager at the end of last year.

"Alex is like a player. He gets nervous before big games and doesn't try to hide it and he shows his emotions when we win. If he hadn't come to Falkirk I would be sitting back with a cigar, picking up my wages and not worrying in the slightest," Gray said.

## Porterfield to return home

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

IAN PORTERFIELD is to resign as coach to the Zimbabwe national team because of what he called yesterday "unwarranted criticism". The Scot, a former manager of Chelsea, Sheffield United and Aberdeen, said he would not extend his six-month contract with the Zimbabwe Football

Association (Zifa) when it expires at the end of April because he had had enough.

Porterfield helped rebuild the national team in neighbouring Zambia when their squad perished in a plane crash in 1993, but he has undergone heavy criticism since taking the Zimbabwe job. Local media have accused him of transforming the Zimbabwe side from an attacking outfit into an ultra-defensive one.

Zimbabwe have lost three away matches, won three and drawn one home game under his charge in the qualifying rounds of the African nations' cup and World Cup and are in danger of failing to qualify for either of the two events for the first time are slim.

"There is too much unwarranted criticism of the team here and it is unlike in Zambia, where everyone was behind the team," Porterfield said, adding that he would leave after Zimbabwe's home match against Angola in the next World Cup qualifier on April 27. "I am definitely going back home to see my wife and my children soon after the game against Angola. Even if Zimbabwe win 5-0, or even if I am offered a lot of money, that will not count. I will be very happy to go home," he said.

Three managers fell foul of the Football Association yesterday for talking out of turn to match officials. Brian Horton, of Huddersfield Town, was severely censured and fined £100 for comments made to a linesman in the Yorkshire club's home defeat by Bolton Wanderers on February 22. It was Horton's second misconduct charge of the season.

Kevin Ratcliffe, of Chester City, was censured and fined £200 for talking out of turn to the referee during his side's game at Fulham on March 1. John Baldwin, the manager of

## Fulham stall celebrations to chase championship medals

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

that Fulham is still there by the river and it's a club with a big beating heart. The game sometimes kicks you in the teeth and this is the first bit of happiness we've had for about ten years."

Simon Morgan, the Fulham captain, was almost overwhelmed. "A 0-0 result at Mansfield might not sound too good, but it was a great point for us," he said. "I feel shattered, we all do. and I can't really describe my feelings when the final whistle

England drop two places in the latest Fifa rankings, despite their Wembley victory over Mexico, who are rated higher in the world list. However, Scotland have climbed three places since February after home World Cup wins over Estonia and Austria.

England drop from twelfth

to fourteenth in the period February to April, despite beating Mexico, who have gone from eleventh to twelfth, at Wembley on March 29. Scotland went from 27th to 24th, while Wales somehow move up from 82nd to 81st, despite a home defeat by Belgium. Northern Ireland are up five places to 63rd, while the Republic went from 39th to 41st.

Major League Soccer (MLS) in the United States will add teams in Miami and Chicago for the 1998 season, expanding the league to 12 teams, it was announced yesterday. The Miami team will play its home games at the Orange Bowl, while the Chicago club will be based at Soldier Field, home to Chicago Bears, of the National Football League.

Leeds United are preparing a bid for the highly-rated Bury defender, Chris Luckett. O'Leary, the Leeds assistant manager, was at Gigg Lane on Tuesday to check the form of the centre back, who would cost Leeds around £1.5 million, and O'Leary would not have been disappointed, with Luckett outstanding again in Bury's rearguard as they extended their lead at the top of the Nationwide League second division to four points.

"I know from experience that you only get a medal if you win the title," Hill said. "If the players want a medal to take home to their wives and mums, then that's what they've got to do." "It's still a moment of joy to be grasped and savoured and a moment to let London know

went. It was just brilliant.

"We've got four games left, four parties, but we still desperately want to win that title. I've never been hugged by so many supporters and I just wish they had shaved!"

For Micky Adams, the Fulham manager, it represented the pinnacle of his career. "I haven't really had many great moments, apart from an FA Cup semi-final when I was at Leeds," he said. "This has surpassed anything I could have dreamt of."

Adams, 35, took charge only

14 months ago, when Ian Branford moved upstairs at Craven Cottage to become general manager. He has had to endure intermittent criticism along the way, but, after an unbeaten run of 11 matches, Fulham will return to the second division after a three-year absence.

"I knew we were fit and ready at the start of the season, but I didn't really think we could do this," Adams said. "I'm a fighter, my players are fighters and all the cynics and critics that had a go at us from time to time can now eat their words."

Wigan are already making plans for next season, with Dave Whelan, the club's wealthy chairman, having promised funds of £2 million for team strengthening. "We have been in the wilderness for far too long," he said. "The fans appreciate what I'm trying to do for the club and they deserve success."

"Hopefully, we can get into the first division. Money is available and we are really serious about things. After the first division, who knows? Perhaps the Premiership."

Like Fulham, Wigan will be the Championship. "Promotion is what we have worked for and now we can go all out for the title," John Deegan, the Wigan manager, said. Carlisle United are also in contention, three points behind Fulham, but missed the opportunity to guarantee promotion when they were beaten 2-1 by Darlington. However, they still hold a ten-point advantage over Swindon Town, their nearest rivals, and will return to the second division, which they left only last season, if they beat Mansfield this weekend.

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## FOOTBALL: LIVERPOOL MANAGER PONDERS OPTIONS IN ATTACK FOR SEMI-FINAL

## Evans hopes for bright evening

FROM DAVID MADDOCK  
IN PARIS

ROY EVANS has an abiding memory of his last visit to the French national stadium, the Parc des Princes. It is of being cast into total darkness an hour before the kick-off, as the lights went out on Liverpool.

The Liverpool manager is hoping that he does not suffer the same fate tonight as his team begins an arduous schedule that will decide, over a period of the next nine days, whether or not their season is to be deemed a success.

Evans's last visit here was on a balmy May evening in 1981, when the club he has served for 30 years lifted the European Cup for the third time by beating Real Madrid 1-0 to secure their place among the elite clubs of Europe.

Much has passed since then, and Liverpool can no longer claim such high rank, but it is a good omen nonetheless as they attempt to reclaim a position of distinction.

## PATH TO SEMIS

First round: First leg: MyPa-47 (Fin) 0 Liverpool 3 (Barnes, Barnes, Barnes); Second leg: Liverpool 3 (Collymore, Barnes, Barnes); Pe 47 1 (leg 4-1). Second round: First leg: Son 1 (Swind) Liverpool 2 (Fowler, Barnes); Second leg: Liverpool 3 (Fowler, Barnes, McManaman, Barnes, Barnes, Barnes); Third round: First leg: Son 3 (leg 8-4). Third round: First leg: Brann (Nor) Liverpool 1 (Fowler); Second leg: Liverpool 3 (Fowler, Son); Collymore); Brann 0 (leg 4-1)

Equally, however, Evans could find himself cast into darkness again this evening and the roof failing in on his ambitions.

Defeat against Paris Saint-Germain in the first leg of the European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final would, perhaps, condemn the Merseyside club to another frustrating season of relative failure.

The lame Anfield defeat at the hands of Coventry City on Sunday has put this tie into sharp focus. Realistically, it is Liverpool's best chance of a trophy in what is fast becoming a season of what might have been.

They still remain in contention for the ultimate prize of the FA Carling Premiership, but the desperate weekend result means they cannot afford any slip-ups and their gruelling schedule, four difficult games in little over a week, suggests there are several more to come.

After visiting Paris, they will experience the slightly less



Net gain: Steve McManaman, the Liverpool forward, looks around the Parc des Princes stadium yesterday

exotic surroundings of Sundown, before playing what are traditionally considered to be the two most difficult matches of the domestic season — Everton away and Manchester United at home.

Is it realistic to believe that Liverpool will emerge from these encounters with the maximum points they surely require if they are to maintain their title challenge? It seems unlikely, and so Paris in spring takes on even greater significance.

Evans, with perhaps half an eye on his continuing employment prospects, knows this and has therefore agonised over the past few days over his most appropriate line-up against the holders of this trophy and a side that presents by far the sternest European

challenge Liverpool have faced since their return to continental competition.

The simple question must be, does he persevere with the moody Stan Collymore or attempt yet another forward combination in search of support for the prolific Robbie Fowler?

Fowler celebrated his 22nd birthday yesterday and if ever there is a forward award for the most appropriate line-up against the holders of this trophy and a side that presents by far the sternest European

challenge Liverpool have faced since their return to continental competition.

However, he would gladly substitute a goal for the result which would offer his side hope in the return leg at Anfield in two weeks. Evans revealed the extent of his deliberation yesterday as he wondered out loud if attack was the best form of defence against French opponents who are perhaps slightly beyond their best but still a formidable barrier.

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"I believe it will be an open game and it may be that we stick with the formation that has done well for us recently.

He has kept Liverpool's hopes of a trophy alive as they have wobbled significantly since Christmas. Fowler has an extra incentive in that he should be sure against Paris then he will set a new Liverpool record of scoring in five

consecutive matches in Europe.

One change that Evans will be forced to make is to replace Bjorn Kvarme, the Norway international, who is cup-tied.

He does, however, have an appropriate alternative in Mark Wright, whose absence through suspension against Coventry has perhaps cost Liverpool more dearly than the manager would care to imagine.

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## RUGBY UNION

## Mapletoft kick-starts his challenge for tour place

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

HOW many more surprises has this Courage Clubs Championship season in store? If last week saw Wasps brought low, the events of this week have restored their confidence that this could yet be their year to win the league for the second time after Leicester, their main rivals, came to grief at Gloucester on Tuesday night.

If they do, it will be to general surprise outside Loftus Road and Sudbury but Wasps three points clear, are in the box seat. When Leicester emerged winners in a match of the highest quality, their director of rugby, Bob Dwyer, admitted that Wasps were "better than I expected". Richard Hill, whose Gloucester team have now beaten both Wasps and Leicester at Kingsholm, still believes the Midland club to be the better of the two.

"Wasps have huffed and puffed a bit, they have scraped through, ridden their luck, they don't look a championship-winning side, but they might yet do so," Hill said as Gloucestershire old and young celebrated the injury-time 32-30 win against Leicester. The former England scrum half was always a hard taskmaster, but he could scarce restrain a smile at the achievements of his players.

What he has built at Kingsholm is more precious than money. "The skill we can work on, but we can't give people heart and the will to win," Hill said. "The players are developing that themselves and whoever comes into the side appears to get caught up in it." Yet money he must have, too, if he is to build a side that can challenge for titles and he will know more about that after the special general meeting of club members tomorrow, when an investment scheme will be put forward.

Coincidentally, that comes 24 hours after a similar discussion by Sale members over the future of their club. Sale and Gloucester have proved this season that good preparation, willing (and mostly English) players and success can go hand in hand and if they find themselves better funded, neither will buy willy-nilly, but will seek the two or three outsiders who can lift them that extra level.

## TABLE

	P	W	D	L	Sc	A	Pts
Wasps	17	13	0	4	563	372	56
Leicester	17	11	0	5	519	372	54
Bath	17	10	1	5	442	324	53
Harlequins	16	10	0	6	551	329	52
Gloucester	15	9	1	6	481	329	51
Saracens	15	8	0	5	387	308	49
Northampton	15	8	0	5	377	300	48
Bristol	17	6	0	11	332	494	42
London Irish	19	5	0	10	330	385	40
Warrington	18	5	0	13	239	347	40

In the meantime, Mark Mapletoft continues to make a nonsense of those who claim there are no English-qualified, goalkicking stand-off halves. A nerveless conversion from the touchline made the difference between Gloucester and Leicester on Tuesday and if that was not a pressure kick — with the Shed, silent for once, willing the ball every inch of the way — then nothing is.

Mapletoft's six penalties and two conversions took him to 443 points for the season, an achievement that should earn him a place in England's tour party to Argentina, which is announced next week. Since he was also opposing an acknowledged world master in Joel Strasky, his feats on Tuesday were the more laudable.

But those six penalties also indicate a degree of indiscipline by Leicester that they will do well to eradicate if their league challenge — they now have only one game in hand of Wasps — is not to fall to pieces. The ratio of penalties favoured Gloucester 2-1 and showed a degree of pernicious by Leicester forwards that is unacceptable. Since injury will probably remove their two most senior players, Dean Richards and John Wells, from the clash with Bath on Saturday, now is the time to concentrate.

been sent off he would have received a 30-day suspension.

Popplewell could still face a ban from the Rugby Football Union, whose national disciplinary officer, Roy Manock, said yesterday: "I have not received Newcastle's report, but when I do and after I have studied the video I will decide if any further action needs to be taken and what it should be."

Orrell, doomed to relegation from the first division, have parted company with Peter Williams, their director of rugby.

Barrie Corless, who did much to revive Northampton's fortunes as director of rugby between 1988 and 1992, is to take up a similar post with Nottingham.

## Popplewell fined by Newcastle

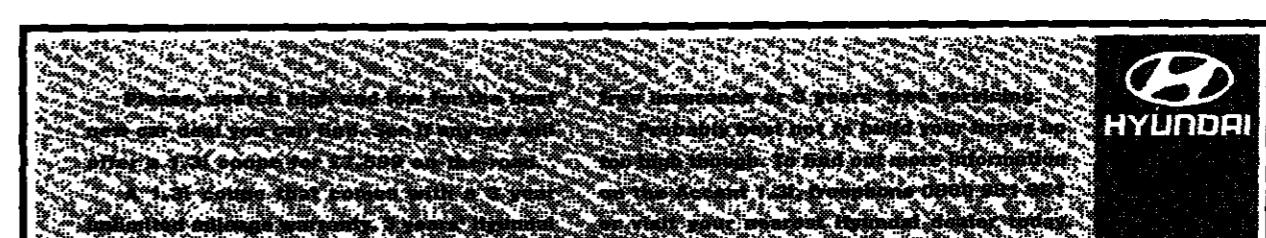
BEDFORD were not convinced yesterday that justice has been served by the punishment meted out to Nick Popplewell after his assault on Scott Murray during the Courage Clubs Championship second division match with Newcastle at Goldington Road last Saturday (David Hands writes).

Popplewell, the Ireland and Newcastle prop, has been given a fine — said to be £1,000 — by his club and warned about his future conduct after the incident that forced Murray, the young Scottish lock, to leave the field.

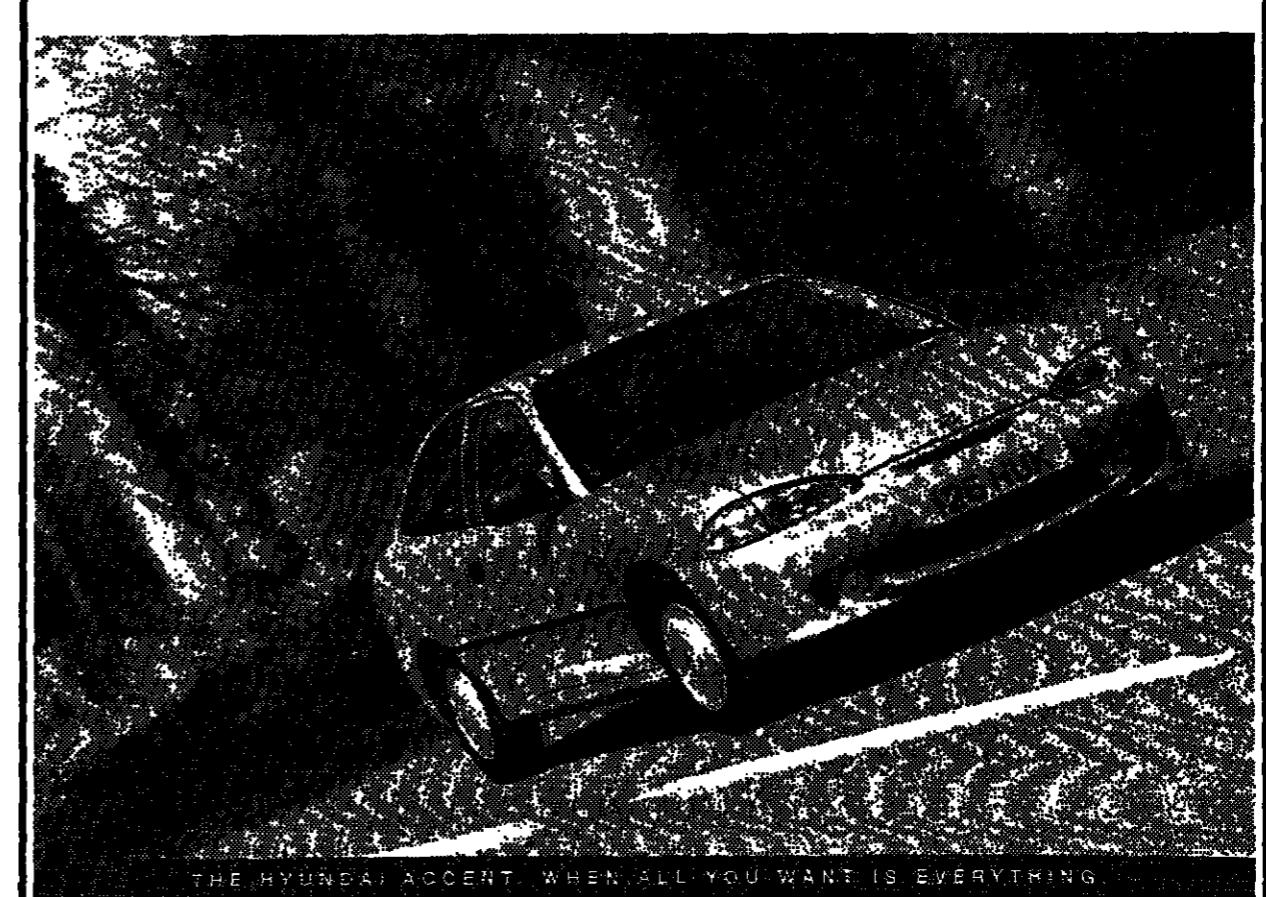
Liverpool's best prospect of success may be in Europe rather than domestically. Paris, for all their recent exploits in Europe, look eminently beatable, and Fowler is the man who could prove to be the key.

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## SPORT IN BRIEF

## Snow wants to join Sussex committee

JOHN SNOW, the former Sussex and England fast bowler, is to stand for election to the new club committee at Hove. Snow, 55, who appeared in 49 Tests and played for the county for 10 years until 1977, is one of ten candidates for the six posts left vacant after the culling of the old committee at the annual meeting last month.

The others include John Spencer, Snow's former teammate, and four members of the new director of cricket Tony Pignor's Sussex 2000 Action Group. Members will receive their voting papers in the next fortnight and the results will be announced in early May.

Cycling: Jeremy Hunt, of Great Britain, sprinted clear to take the first stage of the Sarthe race in La Fleche in France yesterday. Hunt outpaced Maurizio Tomi and Filippo Meloni of Italy, as the opening stage of the race developed into a mass sprint.

Athletics: The Romanian Athletics Federation has dismissed Eugen Raducanescu as its national team trainer because of repeated drug cases involving his athletes, the federation's president said yesterday.

Motocycling: Carl Fogarty, the former world superbike champion, was third fastest on the final day of a two-day test at the Misano circuit in Italy yesterday. The Ducati rider, from Lancashire, clocked 1min 34.517s, more than half a second slower than the best time of 1:33.885 by Akira Yanagawa, of Japan, on a Kawasaki.

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## WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 43

FEASANCE  
(c) The doing or execution of a condition, obligation, feudal service, etc. Ultimately from the French *faire*, Latin *facer* to do.

GAZOOON  
(a) A smooth, well-adapted from *gazon* the old Teutonic word for a soft, turf, damp soil or mass of earth. Hogg apparently took the word to mean "a compact body of men", or something similar. James Hogg, "the Ettrick Shepherd", Queen's Wake, "A close gazon the horsemen made". Douglas and Marjorie, 1913.

GRAVEDO  
(a) A cold in the head, coryza. From the Latin *gravedo* heaviness (in the limbs or head).

FAIENCE  
(c) A general term comprising all the various kinds of glazed earthenware and porcelain. A homophone of *Faenza* in Italy, one of the chief seats of the ceramic industry in the 16th century.

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## Augusta lacking its usual bloom

When you tread the fairways of Augusta National in the company of men who would be masters, two things stand out. The undulations of the course are steeper than television conveys and some of the players carry an aura found in very few walks of life.

Greg Norman is one of these and, of course, attracts the crowds and those who follow the game on television. Last year, he mobilised millions, who accompanied him on his personal descent into trauma as he lost the sixth Masters to Nick Faldo. And now, just before coming back to his nemesis, he has immobilised the President of the United States, who fell and injured a knee whilst socialising at Norman's estate.

Yet, though the sympathy wave from Americans supposed to be attracted only to winners follows Norman, it is Tiger Woods who turns around an even bigger gallery.

In yesterday's soft morning sunlight, they walked ten abreast, a thousand and more, examining every stroke and every mannerism of a 21-year-old who, being gifted and

black, is accentuating social integration in the deep South.

Woods, indeed, challenges even the preserved gentility of Augusta National where there are few concessions to the worldwide trend to plaster everything in sport with sponsors' logos... for he gives the impression of being a walking billboard for Nike.

They say he is worth close to \$100 million before fulfilling his obvious potential and he reverses another trend; he plays for glory rather than money.

Augusta tries to resist change. Its members, said to number 300, are the untouchables. They preserve a mystique, a secrecy of masonic inclinations. Yet Norman can come and go through Augusta's tradition, so even-might Faldo whose relentless in pursuing a fourth green jacket, draws American admiration, as for a dentist drawing teeth.

However, there is something missing from the Masters this year. The spring came unprecedently early, the azaleas and dogwoods have shed their bloom, so the old oak trees around the traditional clubhouse, are now stark

ROB HUGHES



At Augusta

against the manicured turf. Inside that clubhouse, walking up the spiral staircase beyond the framed pictures of every winner, a visitor feels humbled.

Looking down from the verandah, one sees the oldest swinger playing in the tournament. Arnold Palmer draws his own faithful gallery. They may be walking with him down Magnolia Lane but perhaps it is also memory lane.

That he, playing in his 42nd Masters, is here at all inspires

others. Woods visibly looks too Palmer, an almost paternal guide, who time and again suggests to the icon, who is playing here for the first time as a professional, that he should try to relax and enjoy his natural talent... if natural it can be to have begun this game with a sawn-off club at the age of four.

Palmer, back on the fairways for barely a month after surgery for cancer of the prostate, has already shown Norman the way.

Norman, more slender than we are accustomed to seeing him, was outwardly relaxed as he faced 62 questions, revealing that he had received 11,000 letters of support from all over the world, when all he had done was to be beaten by Faldo in that unforgettable final round last year.

"Is this story over now, guys?" he asked as the journalists began talking of the "Norman redemption tour".

"Of course it is not. We will be up with the crack of dawn, watching every stroke, every facial twitch, to see how the return to Augusta affects the course, holes never seen around the world."

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two hours, Palmer flew in, piloting his new Citation 10 Cessna.

Ultimately, even at this rarified level, golf is a game of individuals seeking to master themselves and the terrain. But those seeking to drag the members of this club into the 21st century, are not making much progress.

CBS Television can influence the order of play, move the big names towards prime-time viewing, but they remain unable to buy Augusta, to manipulate it as so many sports are by the broadcasting paymasters.

Jack Stephens, the chairman of the club, was asked repeatedly yesterday why progress is so slow in granting television the right to televise the first nine holes on this course, holes never seen around the world.

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### TELEVISION CHOICE

## Sew far, sew good!

Mad About Machines: Sew Beautiful Channel 4, 8.00pm



Mrs Merton travels abroad (10pm)

Snooker: The Crucible - 21 Years BBC1, 9.00pm

The second look back at the snooker world championship covers the years from 1963 to 1989 and includes some of the event's richest material. In recent years the fare from the Sheffield Crucible has been less gripping, or perhaps Stephen Hendry has been winning too often. In the 1960s it was Steve Davis who kept winning and it is for this reason, paradoxically, that we tend to remember the rare occasions when he did not. Two of them feature large tonight. There was the victory, against the longest of odds, for the little-known Yorkshireman Joe Johnson. But the match of the decade was surely the final between Davis and Dennis Taylor which kept millions of viewers up into the small hours and was decided in the final frame with only the black left on the table. In the excitement even Ted Lowe rose above his famous whisper.

1946 and All That Channel 4, 9.00pm

As the Labour Party approaches the general election it must hope that history repeats itself. In 1964 the victorious Labour leader was Harold Wilson, politically youthful and a moderniser who had taken over after the unexpected death of Hugh Gaitskell. In 1997 the party is headed by another

### RADIO CHOICE

Eastern Approaches Radio 3, 10.00pm

I was exhilarated by Roderic Dunnett's voyage of discovery. He goes back to the middle of the 19th century to unearth some of the half-forgotten operas by composers born in countries that, until recent times, were still in the Eastern bloc. Patriotism is the theme in programme one. It proves a strong peg on which to hang some rousing, affecting and dramatic arias. One of them is a soprano and mezzo duet from Moruzska's Polish opera *The Haunted Manor* which, given regular exposure, I reckon would find its way into *Classic FM's Hall of Fame* just as surely as Delibes' Flower Song from *Lakmé* has done, though it took a television serial and a commercial for it to get there.

Andy Peebles's Soul Show Radio 2, 9.00pm

I am a recent convert to soul music, something I was almost entirely to Andy Peebles and his long-running Radio 1 series *Soul Train*. His train has now been diverted to Radio 2, a station which it will half for 30 minutes every Thursday night. I must say that I was slightly disappointed as I suspect some Radio 2 listeners will be that his inaugural programme is little more than a selection of soul recordings from the likes of Curtis Mayfield and Aretha Franklin, with the minimum of scene setting by Peebles. Presumably he assumes that we know how soul started, what it is, and where it is going. Not all of us do. Peebles has missed a good chance to do a bit of proselytising.

Peter Davalle

### WORLD SERVICE

7.00am Mark Radcliffe 8.00 Simon Mayo 12.10 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00 Kevn Garside 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Evening Session with Steve Lamacq 8.30 Movie Update 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00pm Dave Pearce 4.00pm Clive Wearing

### RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 8.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Sheeran 4.00 Kylie Minogue 5.00 Kylie Minogue 6.00 Andy Peebles 6.30 Steve Sander 8.00 Clive 8.30 The News Huddles 10.00 Stand Up Two 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.00pm Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

### RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 9.00 The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mairi 2.00 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra 7.35 The European Thursday Match, Paris St Germain v Liverpool in the 1st leg of the European Cup Winners Cup semi-final 9.30 Sport with Mark Golding 10.00 The Tony Haynes's Election Night. Includes 11.00 Newsbeat 12.00 After Hours — Early Call with Vincent Herring 2.00am Up All Night

### TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Wren 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorran Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Siddle 7.00 Mo's Sportszone 10.00 James White 1.00am Ian Collins

### CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 7.00 Miles Reid 8.00 Hall of Fame Hour 10.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pm Luncheon Concerto, John Merton (Clarinet Concerto in F major), Paganini (Molin Concerto No 3 in E major) 3.00 Jamie Crichton 7.00 Classic Newagent with John Brunning 7.30 Sonata, Novon Kruff (Horn Sonata in F major) 8.00 Evening Concert, Lictz (Mazeppa — Symphonic Poem); Dvořák (Four Romantic Pieces, Op 75), Schumann (Symphony No 4 in D minor, Op 120), Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 3 in D minor) 10.00 Jane Mearham, includes Nocturne 2.00 Luncheon Concerto (r)

### VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Experience 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 7.00 Paul Coyle (FM) 9.00 Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrester 2.00am Randal Lee Rose

### RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, includes Beethoven (Piano Sonata in F major Op 2 No 2); Tchaikovsky (Suite in G major); Peter Tchaikovsky (Sound the Trumpet); I Attain from Love's Sickness to Fly); Lieder (Première Recréation de Musique d'une Exécution Facile)

9.00 Morning Collection, includes Haydn (Piano Trio in D minor, KV 23); Lowe (Hindemith Jamben); Dvořák (Pražské Slezské Slezské Begnátky); Stéphane Recézkin, bass, Royal Scottish National Orchestra Chorus and Orchestra, under Alexander Lazarev, Rachmaninov, orch Respighi (Five Studies for Flute, Oboe and Bassoon); Tableaux; Respighi (Trifilio Botticelliano); Rachmaninov (Four Romantic Pieces, Op 75), Schumann (Symphony No 4 in D minor, Op 120), Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 3 in D minor) 10.00 Jane Mearham, includes Nocturne 2.00 Luncheon Concerto (r)

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### RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00 News 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Racing Pigs 6.45 Gisela 6.55 Newsbeat 7.00 The O'Clock News 7.30 Haynes' On Bright Child (FM), by Patricia Lowe 7.45 The Big Breakfast (FM) 8.00 The Day (FM) 8.15 Woman's Hour, with Wendy Austin 11.30 From Our Correspondent. Reports from BBC correspondents from around the world 12.00 News, Your World. Consumer news and current affairs with Michaela 12.25pm Kelly's Heroes. Chris Kelly explores the lives of real and fictional characters 12.35 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News 3.05 Late Night Play: Paradise Radio 3.00 Radio 3 3.00 News: The Afternoon Shift 4.00 News: The Afternoon Shift 4.00 News: The Afternoon Shift 5.00 Music Machine, with Lucy Crosswell

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# Men behaving not badly, but miserably

**G**ender stereotypes survive down the ages. The bread may now be whomever, but men still go forth to win. Men do not cry, unless they omitted to grow up, like Gazza. Every man of every age knows that at work, there is one thing he must never do: he must never throw his head in his hands and say "I can't cope".

Of course men cry, but the point is that most of them, us, can remember the exact number of times that they have done so. Of course men have moments when they cannot cope, but when those moments loom men note the signs. They walk away from their desks, jobs, families, lives in order to fall apart in private.

The most striking thing about *Modern Times: Braithwaite* (BBC2) last night was that none of the four stressed men it featured could sit down with their (obviously caring) families and say: Please

help me. I would venture that nearly all of the men reading this have needed to do that at least once, however fleetingly, but the impulses of the hunter-gatherer, the breadwinner, are strong. The confession of weakness is seen by many as the ultimate weakness.

Dr Terry Hirst was a successful GP but when his practice went over to funding the paperwork tripled and, as his daughter eloquently said, "the colour went out of his eyes". Terry went to see a gamekeeper he knew, ostensibly because he was interested in hunting. Terry tried out a shotgun, walked into the gamekeeper's house carrying the gun and shot himself to death in the kitchen.

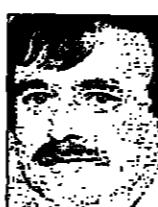
Martyn Sheppard and his wife, Jean, ran a successful corner shop. When a supermarket opened near by, the business collapsed. The couple worked 14 hours a day, but to no avail. Bills piled up, letters from banks were left unopened,

Martyn's first job every morning was to pull the telephone cord out of the wall. Eventually he had a breakdown. "I always wanted to be successful," he said. "Now I just want to be happy."

**R**ay Wilcox, sociable and outgoing, had been a DSS executive in Newcastle for 23 years. His wife, Alison, knew little about the strain he was under, in fact the family used to joke about the "easy" job he had. Alison did once find a bottle of rum hidden in the garden shed, which Ray explained by saying that he had it on a Sunday night to prepare for the week ahead.

Some years ago, Alison came home from work to find Ray had gone. The police told Alison that Ray fitted the description of a man who had jumped off a bridge over the Tyne; three weeks later in his office doing his job and watching a security monitor at the same time.

## REVIEW



Peter Barnard

telephoned or been seen since.

*Christopher James had a happy life* was an executive with British Gas but when 25,000 redundancies were announced in the 1980s Christopher's workload increased. The number of security staff was reduced at night, which meant that Christopher had to sit in his office doing his job and watching a security monitor at the same time.

He became ill, lost weight. Eventually he took two weeks' holiday in Tobago and has never come back. He built a complex of rooms, restaurant and pool and runs that from a pair of shorts. He is not in hiding nor is he dead, but, like the other three, to escape he had to change the context.

There are no statistics for how many men leave home to avoid painting the upstairs lavatory and I do not wish to encourage anyone to watch *Home Front* (BBC2) for fear of precipitating a domestic crisis. But watching do-it-yourself programmes is like viewing cookery shows: good fun if you enjoy collecting reasons not to do things yourself.

*Home Front* is presented by Tess Shaw, whose smile should be marketed by Cuprinol; it survives in all weathers. The trend in these programmes is to help "ordinary people" by bringing in designers, who will show you how

to make a pair of curtains out of a tablecloth or paint a room in eight shades of scarlet with the result that only a blind man could be polite about it.

Well yes, last night's families seemed genuinely impressed, so perhaps I am being churlish. Do you long for somebody to tip paint over the designer's head or run screaming from the room and I am always suspicious when both the children and the adults in a family enthuse about room decoration. That is a new one on me.

**Y**ou will have guessed that I shall not be entering *Home Front*'s amateur decorator of the year competition, even though I have finished two of the five window sills that needed urgent attention about two years ago. Perfect tension time.

Another DIY series, *Country-side Undercover* (Channel 4) ended last night. This is DIY television

involving hidden microphones and fuzzy sound but the series has been none the worse for that. This is the sort of revelatory series that gives Douglas Hogg something to think about, or would were he not presently thinking about the rest of his life.

Last night, in *Flying Feathers*, the ornithologist David Braithwaite went after people who produce books giving the precise locations of the nests of Britain's threatened birds of prey. This in itself is not illegal and the people who read the books doubtless only wish to have the information on a sort of trainspotting basis and would not dream of having anything to do with the illegal trade in eggs.

Braithwaite is certainly a convincing undercover man: one of the people he visited asked him to write a book on the nesting sites of the sea eagle, an offer Braithwaite felt able to refuse.

6.00am Business Breakfast (11497)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (70737584)
9.05 Election Call Liberal Democratic MP Charles Kennedy answers viewers' questions (638685)
10.00 Style Challenge (639403)
10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (51855)
11.00 News (T) regional news and weather (4796519)
11.05 The Really Useful Show (T) (9159010)
11.35 Change That (6580584)
12.00 News (T) regional news and weather (4463887)
12.05 Call My Bluff (5015316)
12.35 Good Living (9846057)
1.00 News (T) and weather (77792)
1.30 Regional News and weather (50303671)
1.45 The Weather Show (38081478)
1.50 Neighbours (T) (22738126)
2.15 Quirky (22) (T) (3843039)
3.00 Through the Keyhole (9949)
3.30 Playdays (T) (608497) 3.50 Postman Pat (6212403) 4.05 Felix the Cat (T) (5276971) 4.20 Julia Jekyll and Harriet Hyde Lynda Bellingham stars (T) (T) (5264833)
4.35 Return to Jupiter New series of sci-fi adventures with the characters first seen in <i>Escape from Jupiter</i> (T) (7573887) 5.00 Newsround (T) (5181836) 5.10 No Sweat (T) (6748297)
5.35 Neighbours (T) (T) (283251)
6.00 News and weather (861)
6.30 Regional News (213)
7.00 Watchdog presented by Anne Robinson, with Alice Beer (T) (2300)
7.30 EastEnders Huw and Lenny decide to come clean and the wedding plans are causing friction between Ricky and Bianca (T) (497)
8.00 Animal Hospital Roli Harris meets the staff and patients at the Hampden Veterinary Hospital and raving reporter Shauna Lowry encounters a dog being trained to work with the deaf (T) (8720)
8.30 Only Fools and Horses: Cash and Carry An opportunity arises for Del to make his fortune. With David Jason and Nicholas Lyndhurst (T) (T) (7855)
9.00 News (T) and weather (826126)
9.55 Election Broadcast: Labour (T) (958132)
10.00 Mrs Merton in Las Vegas The plain speaking pensioner meets Patrick Duffy and Tony Curtis (12) (T) (43336)
10.30 Question Time in the second of the election hustings programme chaired by David Dimbleby, members of the public put the Liberal Democrat leader Paddy Ashdown on the spot (T) (23478)
11.30 Lords of Discipline (1983) with David Keith and Robert Pinsky. In 1984 a black man became the first captain at a South African military school where harsh discipline and violent humiliation are the norm. A maverick senior is given the task of looking after the students at the academy and - and keeping him alive. Directed by Franc Roddam (T) (10123)
1.10am Weather (6514275)

7.15am See Hear Breakfast News (T) (8117007) 7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (T) (T) (4208565) 7.55 Blue Peter (T) (T) (5700007) 8.20 Secret Life of Toys (3365593) 8.35 The Raccoons (T) (9622847) 9.00 Cartoon (2144403) 9.10 The Phil Silvers Show (b/w) (3547294) 9.35 The Munsters (b/w) (670836) 10.00 Teletubbies (67045) 10.30 The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles (T) (1227126)
11.20 Goff — US Masters (104687) 12.30pm Working Lunch (73519) 1.00 Secret Life of Toys (T) (5399854)
1.15 US Masters (67045) Steve Rider reports from Augusta (7475039) 2.50 The A to Z of Food (7492478)
3.00 News (T) (7687584)
3.05 Campaign Roadshow Nick Ross invites members of the public to quiz top politicians (T) (9975193)
3.55 News (T) (6705783) 4.00 Blockbusters (8888045) 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (9881132) 4.55 Esther (9884565) 5.30 Today's the Day (590)
6.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (T) (903016)
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